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WEATHER Cloudy with limited sunshine

The present is Orange

DAVID MCKITTRICK Ireland Correspondent

A uneasy, and sometimes fractured calm was restored to Northern Ireland last night by the sudden RUC U-turn which saw hundreds of riot police forcing an Orange march through a Catholic area of Portadown, Co Armagh,

The move led to the abandonment of the scores of loyalist protests which had for four days disrupted normal life, led to more than a hundred injuries and caused widespread destruction of property.

But it was achieved at the cost of fierce criticism of police by local residents and others. Na-

The RUC yesterday issued the following statistics, covering the speriod from 7 July up to 6am yesterday morning. ■ Arrests: 156

■ Attacks on police: 758 ■ Injuries to police: 65 Injuries to civilians: 53

Plastic bullets fired: 662 Intimidation of police: 68 ■ Intimidation of civilians: 16 Police said 150 roads had

been blocked in the 12 hours!

)up to 6am yesterday

tionalist Ireland united in protest, with political and church leaders denouncing the decision.

The move to allow the march through the Catholic Garvaghy Road district was taken by RUC Chief Constable, Sir Hugh Annesley, who on Sunday angemen from using the route. In the four-day stand-off which followed. Orangemen faced riot police across barbed wire barricades at Portadown, while

elsewhere the protests spread. When an attempt to reach a negotiated settlement failed yesterday morning, Sir Hugh feared that the 12 July marches today, the highlight of the Or-ange calendar, which brings tens of thousands of Orangemen on the streets, would erupt into a widespread breakdown of



They shall pass: Orangemen marching along the Catholic Garvaghy Road yesterday after a four-day stand-off and violent protest across Northern Ireland Photograph: Peter Macdiannid

Hundreds of riot police were thus sent into Garvaghy Road to clear the road of residents staging a sit-down protest. Po-lice fired plastic bullets at rioters as about 1,300 Orangemen made their way down the road. Sir Hugh explained: "I was left with the potential situation

of tens of thousand of Orangemen facing thousands of policemen and soldiers. There was a buildozer, perhaps the

was a determined thrust on the police lines. It could have led accidentally or otherwise to loss of life.

"After five days of deteriorating public order, we were faced with the situation of 10,000 Orangemen lined up against thousands of police and soldiers. There was a potential risk to life. I was not prepared

potential for more, and I had to to risk the loss of a single life look at the implications if there for the sake of re-routing that march.

Sir Hugh's performance was seriously criticised last night. One senior public figure said:
"This is terrible. The image of Northern Ireland has taken a real pounding. Either the march should have been let through from the word go, or Annesley should have stuck to his guns." The episode has left com-

munity relations in tatters and much bitterness in its wake. The ability of the security forces to enforce law and order is in serious question, while the issue of contentious parades remains

unresolved. There was rioting around Garvaghy Road after the march passed, and last evening, as loyalist areas quietened down. there were disturbances in a

Police saturated the Catholic said he should not have reversed Lower Ormeau area of south Belfast, the scene of many marching season clashes, in anticipation of trouble with a march which is scheduled to

pass through today. An attempt by residents to get a High Court injunction to prevent the march was unsuc-

cessful yesterday. Sir Hugh was strongly critinumber of republican districts. cised by both nationalists, who

his original decision, and by unionists, who said he should never have banned the march in the first place. DUP MP Peter Robinson described him as pig-headed".

Both the Taoiseach, John Bruton, and the Catholic Cardinal, Dr Cahal Daly, expressed grave concern at the decision. Dr Daly, who was involved with

Protestant church leaders in un-

An Ulster boyhood

On the morning of the Twelfth, my maternal grandfather would make toast on a fork by the open grate and fill our sleepy heads with the Apprentice Boys sacrifice: They were so hungry they ate the rats. But they did not bow the knee. 'No Surrender' they said and 'No Surrender' they meant." I even liked being dragged from my bed extra early, despite the morning of the Tweffth arriving hard on the heels of the Eleventh, Bonfire Night. The night before would be spent burning the Pope and various contemporary politicians, in effigy, on wasteland or in the middle of our narrow streets, atop small mountains of planks, crates and discarded settees (we'd search the back and sides for money and always find some)..

We'd roast potatoes and swig Barr's American Cream Soda, and chant ("No Pope Here! Nor Holy Water! No Home Rule For Ireland!", "We are the People!", "Ulster Says No!", "Kill the Fenian Bastards!"). The adults would hover nearby, bright-eyed with drink, the tacitum men for once talkative and cheery, and the women, young and pretty but already running to fat, awash with unaccustomed colour, the reds, hot pinks and defiant whites prepared to compete, come the moment, with the lads' orange

– John Lyttle, page 21

successful attempts to reach a negotiated settlement, described it as a serious mistake. Mr Bruton said he would be contacting John Major for an explanation.

In the Commons, the Northern Ireland Secretary, Sir Patrick Mayhew, said there would be an an independent review of how parades could be held peacefully in the future. Power of the street, page 2

Britain attacks US bar on Cuba links



RUPERT CORNWELL and ANDREW MARSHALL

One of the worst transatlantic rows in a decade exploded into the open yesterday, over an American anti-Cuba campaign which has meant two Britons will be refused entry to the

United States. The US has told nine executives of the Canadian mining company Sherritt International that they will be barred from visiting. Two are British - the former Bank of England deputy Governor Rupert Pennant-Rea, and Sir Patrick Sheehy, former non-executive chairman of BAT Industries.

"By penalising the investment interests of its closest allies, the United States is damaging transatlantic relations and giving comfort to those it seeks to challenge," Ian

American Chamber of Commerce in London yesterday "We are under considerable pressure to introduce countermeasures." The Foreign Office said the two men's business dealings were "entirely legitimate in the eyes of the British. Canadian and Cuban govern-

In Washington, Britain delivered a fiercely worded protest to the State Department over what one diplomat called the "disgraceful and preposterous" blacklisting.

It is not just the content of the US actions which has so angered Britain and other countries. The US regularly claims to be able to apply its laws to companies outside its jurisdiction, a practice known as extra-

Lang, the Secretary of State for what really sticks in the throat," Trade and Industry, told the one lawyer said yesterday. A series of damaging disputes over financial services, trade with the former Soviet Union and taxation has regularly bedevilled transatlantic ties over the last few years. But Britain and Europe seem less willing this time to give in to what they regard as American blackmail.

"Although we support the United States' aim of bringing about democracy in Cuba ... we reject these methods," Mr Lang said yesterday.

The US aim is to prevent foreigners from doing business in Cuba. Sherritt has assets there which the US claims were confiscated from Americans after the Cuban revolution, and the Helms Burton Act allows for a graduated series of sanctions to penalise such companies. The territoriality. "US arrogance is other two companies likely to

have a tendency to thick body

hair. Some of the most intelli-

gent men appeared to be those

who had hair on their backs as

firmly buttoned up yesterday, cited Robin Williams, Peter

Sellers, the chess player Garry

Kasparov and Charles Darwin

as hairy men of high intelligence. In comparison, he said. Look

at Muhammed Ali; boxers are

Dr Alias, who kept his shirt

well as on their chests.

suffer the same fate as Sherritt are the Italian telecoms group Stet and the Mexican mining

company Grupo Domo. The Government is studying a range of possible moves to retaliate. Tit-for-tat bans on in-dividual American citizens seeking to visit Britain, would be hard to introduce. More likely, officials say, is a strengthening of the little-used Protection from Trading Restraints act. which permits recovery in British courts of damages suf-

fered abroad. A formidable batch of countermeasures are being planned around the world. The European Union President Jacques Santer will write to President Bill Clinton spelling out the threat to retaliate, and officials in Brussels will present a list of options to EU foreign ministers on Monday.

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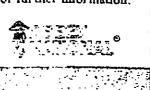
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QUICKLY

Kent murder inquiry Detectives investigating the murders of Lin Russel and her daughter, Megan, have not ruled out the possibility that they might have been planned by a local man. There does not appear to have been a sexual motive for the attack. Page 3

Mandela forgives

Nelson Mandela yesterday forgave British leaders who regarded him as a terrorist as he told peers and MPs at Westminster that he had returned to Britain in friendship. Page 9

Dylan's deep love

Dylan Thomas's last letters to his wife Caitlin were sold at Sotheby's yesterday for £12,650. His final outpourings revealed his deep love for his wife and his guilt about his adultery and

The hirsute of higher intelligence

GLENDA COOPER

Tom Jones has long been a symbol of raunchiness, tight trousers and Cuban heels. But. according to new research, his excessive body hair could also mean he has high intelligence.
It seems we have been wrong

to write off medallion man. Dr Aikarakudy Alias, a psychiatrist, who has been working on the relationship between body hair and intelligence for 22 years. told the eighth Congress of the Association of European Psychiatrists yesterday that hairy chests are more likely to be found amongst doctors and the highly educated than in the general population.

His research amongst medical students in America found students had more body hair on Page 11 | that 45 per cent of male trainee



Treasured chests: Taking the rough with the smooth

doctors were "very harry", compared with less than 10 per cent of men generally. In Kerala. southern India, research among medical and engineering students and manual labourers ares had more hair than the botshowed that both groups of

In addition, "When academic ranking amongst students was examined, the hairier men got better grades." said Dr Alias. The top six engineering gradu-

And a study of 117 Mensa

not at all hairy." He did hold out some hope for the smooth-skinned, however. "Men with plentiful body hair tend to be more intelligent. but there are also very intelligent men with little or no body hair. Albert Einstein had no

body hair. average than manual workers. members (who have an IQ of at

Psychiatry conference, page 7

Raw power of streets beats the politicians

DAVID McKITTRICK Ireland Correspondent

One of the few things which loyalists and nationalists agreed on vesterday was that the siege of Drumcree was yet another issue that had been decided not on the force of argument but on the argument of force. The implications are ominous.

No one was in any doubt that the Royal Ulster Constabulary's confrontation of the Orangemen had been determined not on the merits of the issue but because the scale of loval-ist protest had reached a dan-gerously destabilising point.

The fact that the episode ended not through negotiation but in a perceived victory of one side, the Orange Order, over two other elements, nationalist opinion and the will of the authorities, will not increase faith in negotiation.

On the nationalist side, the episode will be added to what former US Senator George Mitcheil memorably described as "the vast inventories of historical recrimination".

One of the foundations for the peace process, which led to the IRA's August 1994 ceasefire was an increased republican emphasis on negotiation. When the IRA broke the ceasefire carlier this year it claimed it did so principally because the Government had shown an unwillingness to open meaningful negotiations with Sinn Fein.

Although the ceasefire is over, many nationalists, in-cluding Sinn Fein supporters, a more modern image of his nities further from settler



Sir Hugh Annesley: Forced to

have continued to subscribe to the idea that the best way ahead is through negotiation. But other republicans, including those who ended the ceasefire, will now point to Drumeree in support of their argument that orce gets results.

On the Unionist side, what Portadown loyalists regard as a . triumph may prove to be a Pyrrhic victory. Yesterday's events may provide a moralebooster to a community that has had little enough to celebrate over the past quarter-century, but to some Unionist politicians it will be a salutory reminder of the power of Unionism's strength of numbers.

On the other hand, this week's often violent images of Orangemen and other loyalists in conflict with the civil authorities will tend to undermine the efforts of Ulster Unionist

cause to the world. Those loyalist hardliners who are suspicious of political accommodation will advocate simply standing firm. And many in both communities are dismayed that Northern Ireland once again has been portrayed as a place that can be suddenly de-stabilised.

Drumcree also revealed the limits of policing. Northern Ire-land's population of a million and a half is policed by more than 30,000 security operatives, including police officers, regular troops and locally-recruited soldiers and others. The RUC is highly trained, able to cope with all kinds of violence, yet the scale of the loyalist protests put the force at full stretch, and the chief constable was forced to push the march through in the face of escalating violence.

One of the world's most experienced police forces was thus impelled to reverse a carefully-considered strategic decision. The fact that it had to do so means that the issue of parades remains unresolved and will pose continuing problems, this year and in the future.

The episode also inflicted serious damage on an aiready fragile economy. The republi-can and loyalist ceasefires had brought the hope of new in-vestment and new jobs, especially in tourism, but this week tourists have fled, or cancelled in large numbers.

For the moment the marching season has lived up to its reputation as a madness which drives already divided commu-



Nelson Mandela, the South African president, with the Speaker, Betty Boothroyd, before his address to both houses of Parliament in Westminster Hall yesterday Photograph:Reuters

Pressure from

ministers forced

RUC decision

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

The £1.6bn sale of armed forces homes was swed by the Government yesterday with an unprecedented. turnout of backwoods peers in the House of Lords, A more to postpone the sale of 58,000 homes - which would then ased back to the Ministry of Defence - was defeated by 256 votes to 176, a majority of 80. If rebel Tory Baroness Park's amendment had been carried, it would have blown new hole in the Government's finances and threatened the possibility of tax cuts in the Budget this Nevember.

possibility of tax cuts in the Budget this November.

Lady Park, 74, a former M16 spy in Moscow and Vietnam said: "It is like selling the family silver for a cheque just large enough to pay for some plastic kitchenware." But Lord Strathchyde, government chief whip, issued a three-lin whip – a rare event in the Upper House. "It happens once year, if that," one source said. John Rentoul

Detectives investigating the machete attack on an infants' school picnic were last night still questioning a man about the incident in which seven people were injure Horrett Irving Campbell, 32, named by police after Monday's attack at St Luke's in Blakenhall, Wolverhampto was arrested on Tuesday evening. Police began to interview him on Wednesday, and later obtained an extension from magistrates for another 36 hours in which to question him. That extension expires just before 8am today. Meanwhile officers continued to comb the area around St Luke's for the weapon used in the attack. One woman and three children were yesterday still recovering in hospital from their injuries

An allegation that senior civil servants were facing Aministerial pressure to play politics against Labour was yesterday rejected by the Deputy Prime Minister Michael Heseltine, who told the Commons that having been alerted to the claim by a report in the Independent, he had investigated the matter and had found that "none of the cases involving improper conduct by ministers have been substantiated. The allegations had been made by the Association of First Division Civil Servants, who said they were seeking an urgent meeting with Sir Robin Butler, Head of the Home Civil Service, but Mr Heseltine told the House that no approaches had been made to the Civil Service Commission to investigate any alleged irregularities since it had issued its last report. Anthony Bevins

Police hunting the killer of Jade Matthews, nine, last night appealed to mothers to find out if their children might hold a vital clue to the murder. The pony-tailed gir was seen with a 13-year-old boy on a mountain bike on Sunday evening before she was battered to death in railwa sidings in Bootle, Merseyside, about a mile and a half from her home. Police yesterday revealed a new sighting of the pair near the Bridle Road sidings between 5pm and 6pm that evening and said experts were using video-enhancing equipment to try to improve pictures from a security camera which show people on the railway track on Sunday

ne Parliamentary Ombudsman heavily criticised the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food yesterday for allowing a rat- and fly-infested waste-food processing plant in East Anglia to remain open for four years. MAFF inspectors made 154 visits to the family-run plant and recorded many contraventions of licence conditions. including a "heavy infestation" of rats and flies, pigs kept in pens flooded with waste-contaminated water, storage of skips of unprocessed offal outside the premises and spillage of offsi on roads, but allowed the plant to remain open until March 1995. Karen Bakker

Agroup of conservative evangelicals, called "Reform". yesterday launched a biting attack on the leadership of the Church of England and discussed plans to acquire their own and theological training, though they sa they will remain within the church. "If Jesus came today, the General Synod would crucify him," Vijay Menon a member of Reform - and of the Synod - says on a video which the group is distributing to its members. "The church at centre is weak, even corrupt, and dysfunctional. The parishes must take back power," the Reverend David Holloway, one of the leaders of the group, said yesterday. Andrew Brown

Anatoly Karpov, 45, retained the Fide world Championship by drawing in his 18th game against Gata Kamsky. The draw left Karpov with an unassailable 10.5-7.5 lead in the match played in Elista, capital of the Rossian republic of Kalmykia. The situation in world chess is left exactly as it was three years ago, after Garry Kasparov and Nigel Short broke away from Fide to form their own Professional Chess Association - we have two world champions of rival organisations: Kasparov (PCA) and Karpov (Fide). The president of Fide, Kirsan Ilyunjinov (also President of Kalmykia), has announced a new knockout format for a world championship tournament at the end of this year. Whether this can reunite the two littles however, is doubtful. Neither Kasparov nor Karpov has welcomed the knock-out idea, though the suggested prize fund of \$5m may change their minds. William Hartston

'White niggers' look on in disbelief at Orange triumph

After four days of dramatic stand-off, the end of the siege of Drumeree came in a carpet

Church leaders and two delegations, one from the Orangemen and one from Catholics residents, had gathered at 9am in the offices of UIster Carpets, at the end of the Catholic Garvaghy Road.

Two senior churchmen, the Primate of Ireland Archbishop Dr Robin Eames and the Catholic primate Cardinal Cahal Daly hoped to broker a lastminute deal to appease both Catholics and Orangemen over the marching route. For more than two hours,

Protestants and Catholics sat in separate rooms as churchmen shuttled between them, desperately looking for agreement. None came and by 11.30am RUC Land Rovers were already moving into the Garvaghy area. At 11.45am, the RUC Chief

Constable Sir Hugh Annesley took a call from church leaders to say the negotiations had failed. Within minutes, fearing people could die if the stand-off continued, he ordered that the march should go ahead through the Catholic area. Rumours had swept both

communities late on Wednesday that the end, negotiated or oth-



An RUC officer firing plastic bullets at Catholic protesters

erwise, was imminent. But when it came, its swiftness took a disbelieving Catholic community by surnrise. A hastily arranged sit-in by 300 residents on the main marching route was forcibly removed by batonwielding RUC officers who fired rounds of plastic bullets when they were challenged.

Claire Digim watched in horror. "They fired more rounds in 20 minutes at us than in four days at the Orangemen - and they were aiming for us."

Soldiers moved in to roll

away barbed wire and up to

1,500 Portadown District Lodge Burke, 23, said: "We're leaving nembers walked through four abreast at 12.47.

"Keep your heads up", shouted supporters as the group, led by the Star of David Accordion Band made up mainly of young girls, walked marched.

There was no mood of celebration at this point, but within five minutes the mood electrified as the parade moved past Catholic houses.

One surveyed the marchers and said: "I have voted for the SDLP all my life, but now Sinn Fein will definitely get my vote. We're just second class citizens - white niggers."

The violence flared quickly. A group of youths, some in masks to hide their faces, pelted officers with stones and bottles from Churchill Road and let off four petrol bombs. Police retaliated with haton rounds.

The Orangemen marched on with no sound, except the steady beat of a single drum. But by the time the parade reached the Protestant area of Park Road, they were joined by

thousands from other lodges who looked back and shouted and jeered at the Catholics.
"This is a victory for us," said one. "Maybe the RUC will think twice before they ban it

The whole parade took just 23 minutes - but it left indelible scars for the locals. Oonagh now and moving to the south or to a safer Catholic area. We just

don't have any rights any more. Youths from the estate were now in full-scale conflict with the RUC; four cars were set on fire and missiles and fireworks descended on the officers.

Father Eamon Stack, who had been in the earlier negotiations, condemned the "heavy-handed" police tactics. "We have lost a great opportunity." A local community leader,

Brendan MacCionnaith, also at the talks, said: "We have been stitched up. Hopes of peace were batoned away in Garvaghy Road." In heavy rain, the centre of Portadown returned to a semblance of normality as the Or-

angemen dispersed to prepare for last night's July 11th bonfire celebrations. At Orange Hall, crates of beer and bottles of whisky were carried in. But one lodge member said they would be drinking none that afternoon. He said: "This is not a time for celebra-

noses in it." Back at the Church of Ascension, the scene of the standoff at Drumcree, it was hard to believe this church had been a flashpoint for Ulster's future.

"It's just a church again," said

one Orangeman as he took off

tion, we do not want to rub their

ANTHONY BEVINS Political Editor

Political pressure was applied by ministers to Sir Hugh Annesley, the Chief Constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary, to per-form a U-turn and allow marchers to pass along Garvaghy Road, a government source told the Independent vesterday.

But in heated Commons exchanges, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Sir Patrick Mayhew, repeatedly assured MPs that there had been "no political pressure of any kind"; the decision was an operational matter, he said.

According to the Prime Min-ister's Office, Mr Major briefed yesterday morning's Cabinet on efforts to achieve a local solution to the confrontation, but he was not told of Sir Hugh's decision until after President Nelson Mandela of South Africa had addressed both Houses of Parliament, at about midday.

However, the Independent was told by one well-placed government source that in talks with Sir Hugh, ministers had from the outset "advocated" permission to be given for a token march.

Another source said it was inevitable that the marchers would have to be allowed through, and added dismissively: "The other

side will now wail and say it should not have happened, but it had to happen."

One nationalist source said with deep bitterness that he fully expected to see government ministers appearing in Orange Order sashes, and during Northern Ireland questions in the Commons the Social Democratic and Labour Party leader, John Hume, said the decision marked a "surrender" in the face of intimidation.

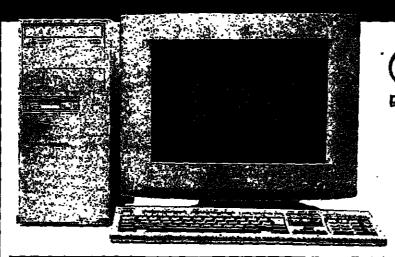
Sir Patrick rejected the suggestion of surrender, but he urged Mr Hume to reflect that Northern Ireland public order legislation "requires that whenever the Chief Constable considers whether to exercise his powers to give directions to a march, he has to balance one risk against another - the risk of serious public disorder if a march goes ahead against, no doubt in some circumstances, the risk of serious public disorder if it does not.

However, he disclosed later that the Government would be looking closely over the next few days at the possibility of introducing "agreed criteria and guidelines" aimed at handling marches better in the future something that Labour's Northern Ireland spokeswoman Marjorie Mowlam has been urging

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Murder in the Garden of England

erly frenzied" murders of Lin Russell and her six-year-old daughter Megan have not ruled out the possibility that they might have been planned by a

While officers at an unnamed hospital guarded Mrs Russell's across," he said. "The attack was nine-year-old daughter Josephine, who survived Tuesday's attack, police detailed the victims' terrible injuries and said there appeared to have been no sexual motive.

Mrs Russell, 45, and her daughters were found by police early on Wednesday near Cherry Garden Lane, less than half a mile from their home in Non-ington, Kent. after they failed or just acting suspiciously, to to return from the nearby Goodnestone Primary School. The family's terrier, Lucy, was Shaun Russell, 47, a lecturer in

clinging to life and was des- ter's bedside last night. Police, cribed yesterday as "stable but who described him as "a gentle spector Dave Stephens of Kent police said that the three fam-

sell had been hit more than 15 times,

"In my 23 years of experience, this is the most horrific, terrible murder I have ever had the misfortune to come utterly, utterly frenzied ... It's the work of someone clearly de-

ranged."
He said police were calling in experts to draw up a psychological profile of the killer. There is some suggestion that the person is local and that he pre-planned this. We appeal to anyone who has seen someone contact us immediately."

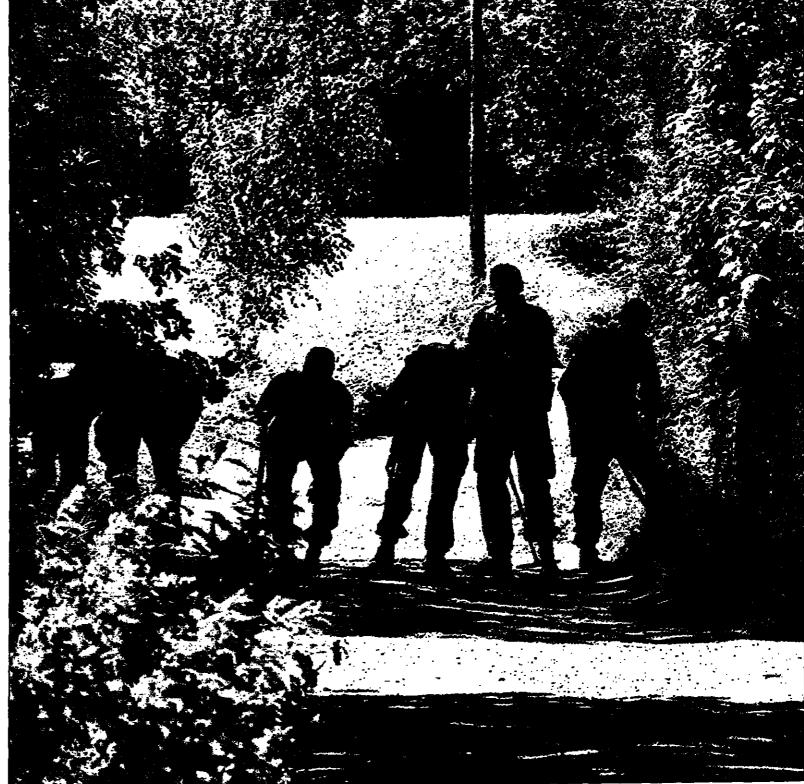
Mrs Russell's husband, Dr marine biology at the Univer-Josephine was found still sity of Kent, was at his daugh-". Detective Chief In- man" said he had been enormously helpful in dreadful

shock. Police warned families alone. Josephine's teacher. Lynda Roberts, said: "We're absolutely stunned and very angry. Our prayers are with Josie ... It doesn't seem right that our children have to have their innocence taken away like this. In this school we are such a close community that all 78 children are best friends with each oth-er. It's going to affect them all."

The police can draw on the goodwill of a local religious community and a rehabilitation clinic.

Gary Stanaway, an elder of

the 80-strong Bruderhof com-munity of Christian pacifists, said: "All we want to do is live in peace." Robin Lefever, director of the £1,280 a week Promis Recovery Centre, said: We treat people with all kinds of addictions. There were suggestions that this could have been done by someone on drugs, but everyone here is in a state of abstinence. Only a few The people of Nonington, have had drug problems, and



family support, loss of an emo-

tional network, no religion to

'Inherited wealth is a real handicap to happiness. It is as certain a death to ambition as cocaine is to morality' - William K

just the latest statistic in the modern curse of rising suicide across Europe. A well-dressed man on a business trip was found dead in his Paris hotel

room, having hanged himself. The tragedy would have passed by unnoticed in a harsh world where suicide has become almost commonplace. But as the offspring of the most famous banking dynasty in the world, Amschel Rothschild, 41, chairman of the family's asset management business, has been thrust into the glare of the publicity he so hated in life.

in a hopeless gesture, earlier this week, he apparently turned his back on life and his family, and joined the notorious roll call of the painfully rich unable to cope with an excess of

He had perhaps found, like those before him, that money and privilege may be as poisonous to the "haves", as pover-ty is to the "have-nots".

As the Rothschilds began to grieve in the privacy of their mansions, it appeared that Am-schel had fallen foul of a family curse. Like other powerful dynasties, where fortunes are made but souls are still broken. the younger generations live in the often overwhelming shad-

ow of their ancestors. Among the other privileged families where tragedy has struck are the American Vanderbilts. Gloria's son, Carter Cooper, threw himself from their 14th floor apartment in 1988, swearing angrily at his mother just before he leapt.

the latest statistic in the Amschel Rothschild's suicide reminds us how privilege can be a burden, writes Rebecca Fowler financial problems, a lack of



It was an ominous display of William K Vanderbilt's own observation, years

before, that: "Inherited wealth is a real

handicap to happiness. It is as certain a death to ambition as cocaine is to

The same shadow apparently

loomed over the Getty family, which

Those who have gone: (from left) Amschel Rothschild, George Getty, Carter Cooper, Lady Henrietta Guinness, Margot Hemingway all encountered problems that resulted in suicide



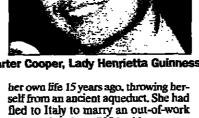
ty I became the richest man in the

world, but his doomed son, George,

died from an overdose of drugs and al-

cohol after failing to find a place for

his wife. Lady Henrietta Guinness took



waiter, claiming: "If I had been poor I would have been happy."

But their sense of hopelessness is Another blighted dynasty is the Guinness family, which Amschel married into when Anita Guinness became part of a modern epidemic which strikes at all areas of society. Suicide

has increased significantly in Europe,

producing a death toll comparable with road accidents. Each year it claims 43,822 lives in the 12 EU member states, with the highest levels in Den-

> 4.5 female suicides per 100,000 of the population. The most dramatic rates are among young men, and the pro-

fessional classes, where the highest risk groups are vets, dentists and farmers. Easy access to a method of suicide may partly account for the figures. For mark and the lowest in Greece. Britain has 12.4 male suicides and

vets, pharmacists and doctors, poi-

soning is the most common method. while for farmers it is firearms. The psychologists and counsellors have struggled to explain why.

fall back on, the break-up of a marriage and - increasingly for men - bewilderment over their changing roles. Perhaps no one will ever know what lay behind Amschel's plight. He appeared to have everything that would keep despair at bay; a strong, al-most clannish family, albeit with feuds; a powerful religious identity as a member of

Britain's leading Jewish family, and staggering wealth.
But according to those who worked with him, he was not a natural heir to the fierce world of business, and was well known to be dissatisfied with his position in life. One banker described him as "a very nice

chap, but a bit nervous" He preferred the worlds of farming and motor racing, and hated the scrutiny that he and his family were placed under by the media because of their wealth and position. His arm of the family business was also not making money, and a colleague said yesterday: "I don't think he would have gone into the City if he hadn't been a Rothschild."

The reluctant banker was part of a family that in its prime had been more powerful than monarchs, governments and the Church. But his despair at the end was no different to that which lies behind the suicides that go unreported every day among the less privileged and the destitute, and the result no more and no less tragic.

that has become a shadow of its former self

Like all great dynasties it began modestly. Mayer Amschel, the founder of the House of Rothschild, rose from a Jewish ghetto in Frankfurt 250 years ago to head the most power-ful banking family in Europe. He had intended to be-

come a rabbi, but his parents* early death forced him into an apprenticeship in a banking house, where he determined to do business with kings, and also

morality.

Mayer duly rose from a coin dealer to become court banker, and together with his five sons he built a fortune on the back of the French Revolution, lending money to warring princes and trading in goods.

His sons were sent to open branches of the bank in London, Paris, Vienna and Naples, and the banking group conAt its height in the 19th cent-

ury it was known as the *sixth power of Europe", which con-trolled the destinies of monarchs and governments. Byron wrote of their every loan, which "seats a nation" or "upsets a

The Rothschilds even allowed Disraeli to become the principal stockholder in the 19th century, competition erod-

tinued to expand throughout Suez Canal by giving him £4m the Industrial Revolution. Suez Canal by giving him £4m at a few hours' notice. Subsequently a Rothschild became the first Jew to enter British Parliament, and another was the first to be made

> But like other great dynasties, the Rothschilds failed to hold on to their unique position in the banking world. From the second half of the

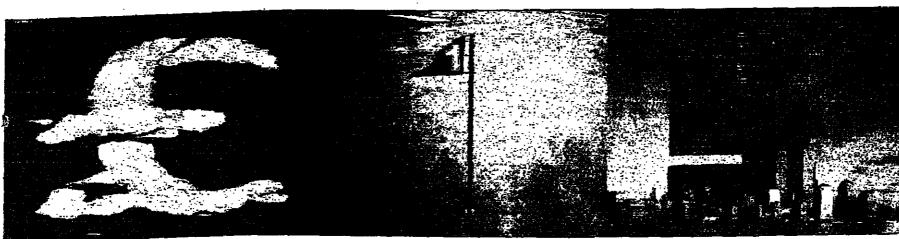
ed their power, although they remained one of the wealthiest families in Britain.

Later generations, which included spies, philanthropists and scientists, were divided business. Sir Evelyn Rothschild, as head, is famous for his angry outbursts, and clashed with his cousin Lord (Jacob) Rothschild, prompting him to leave the family firm.

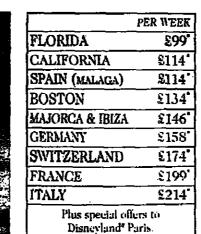
One banker recently com-pared the banking house as "a Rolls-Royce that has been running along like a mini". a shadow of its former self, But Sir Evelyn has a fortune of £160m and the family continues to make money.

The next heir is tipped to be David de Rothschild, known for his charming and debonai style, who has revived the family's interests in France.

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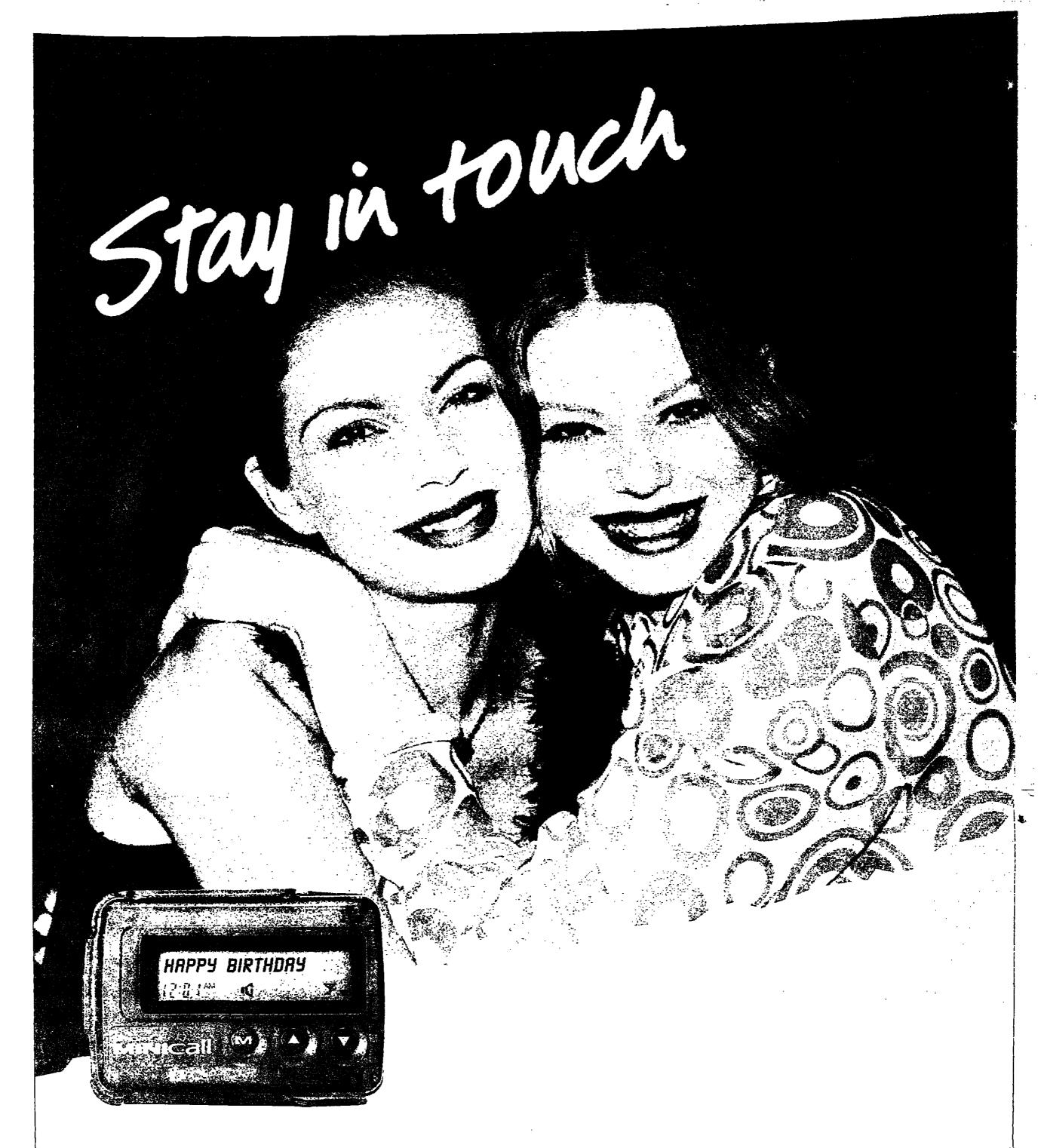
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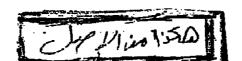
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More than 30 ministers abstained or were absent from the vote to allow MPs to award themselves a £9,000 rise, fuelling suspicions that it was a vote the Government whips wanted to lose.

The abstentions proved crucial in the key vote, which rejected the Prime Minister's appeal for pay restraint by a majority of 149. A total of 32 ministers or ministerial aides were away, or washed their hands of the vote, but nevertheless will take their pay rise with backbench MPs, whose pay will increase from £34,085 to £43,000 a year. One minister said: "The whips knew I

was unhappy and told me to go home. I found another pressing engagement." David Mellor, the former minister, said that he was one of many MPs who felt they against the 26 per cent rise.

had an impossible choice to vote for pay increases at a time of restraint, while feeling in their hearts that a rise was overdue. John Redwood, the leading right-wing Tory MP, was among 170 MPs who

abstained or were absent from the vote. Three Cabinet ministers were given leave to be away: Michael Heseltine, who was attending a dinner with Nelson Mandela, Michael Forsyth, who was in Scotland, and William Hague, who was in Korea. Others who did not vote were Sir Patrick Mayhew, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and Peter Lilley, the Secretary of State for Social Security. The Home Secretary Michael Howard and Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, voted

MPS WHO VOTED AGAINST A £9,000 INCREASE

Labour frontbenchers who did not vote were: Harriet Harman (Health), Derek Foster (Duchy of Lancaster) George Robertson (Scotland) Clare Short (Transport) and

John Prescott (Deputy Leader).
Tony Blair had upset Shadow Cabinet members by supporting the Prime Minister's call for pay restraint, although he allowed a free vote. When he went through the division lobby he found only three members of the Shadow Cabinet with him: Gordon Brown, shadow Chancellor, Donald Dewar, the Chief Whip, and Mo Mowlam, Northern Ireland spokeswoman. Hamish McRae, page 21

Colin Brown

MPs voting against 26 per cent rise.

CONSERVATIVES Peter Ainsworth (Sur-rey E), Richard Alexander (Newark), David Amess (Basildon), Jacques Arnold (Gravesfram), Michael Bates (Langhaurgh), Herry Bellingham (Norfolk NW), Sir Paul Beresford (Croydon Cent), Tim Boswell (Daventry), Virginia Bottomley (Surrey SW), John Bows (Battersea), Cyles Bran-dreth (Chester), Sir Graham Bright (Luton S), Angela Browning (Tovernon), Simon dreth (Chester), Sir Graham Bright (Luton S), Angela Browning (Tiverton), Simon Burns (Chelmsford), Alistair Burt (Bury N), Peter Butler (Milton Keynes NE). Sir Kenneth Carlisle (Lincoln), Michael Cartiss (Great Yarmouth). Sydney Chapman (Chipping Barnet), James Clappison (Herismere), Kenneth Carles (Rushchiffe), (Hersinere), Jeemen Caric (Nusicine), David Congdon (Croydon NE), Anthony Coumbs (Wyre Forest), Simon Coombs (Swindon), James Cran (Beverley), David Carry (Skindon and Rigon), Ninanjan Deva (Brentiard and Isleworth), Tim Devlin (Stockton S), Stephen Dorrell (Lough-portant), Lord James Dorrell (Lough-portants), Lord James Dorrells, Hamilton Edmburgh W), Den Dover (Chorley).
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TELLERS Sebastian Coe (Falmouth and Camborne) and Derek Commay (Shreushury and Atcham).

THE UNDECIDED

MPs who abstained

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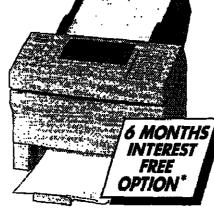
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Punters taken for a ride in punt wars

CLARE GARMER

The days of happy families of punters respectfully doffing their boaters as they glide down the sleepy River Cam are gone. These days, it seems, the river folk are more likely to throw their boaters at one another. And it's all because of rivalry in

the punt proprietors' world. Cambridge is home to pushy punting pimps, who, by 10am. can be seen marching across the meadows, desperately plying their trade. Unsuspecting tourists are badgered before they've stepped off their coaches and foreign students are taken aback by the punters' "Mediterrancan manner".

Trouble flared up earlier this year when Cambridge City Council woke up to the fact that Independent Punts, a small company with seven hoats, had been operating from outside the Spade and Bucket pub for the past six years without paying a penny in rent. The mooring site was promptly put out for ten-der and won by Scudamores Boat Yard, the city's oldest

River rivalry: Punt owners are site. He's a rich boy passing through town who saw lots of sinking boats to win trade

punting company. Both sides have since been driven to desperate measures - stealing customers, sinking punts, building

barricades and hurling abuse. Scudamores, which has been lending punts since 1910, tried to block independent Punts' access to the river by chaining a string of the boats together at Laundress Green. But Independent Punts has taken to settling all hire payments in their boats in an effort to circumvent the rules.

"Don't exchange money on land, will you" whispered Nick Maseychik, manager of Independent Punts, to a novice embarking on his first voyage. "It's a sackable offence," he explained. "We've been issued with commercial river licences by Cam Conservators so if we do all our transactions actually on the water we're not touting on council land." Independent Punts fears its sevenmoney and is gobbling it up."

James MacNaghten is un-

apologetic "Elliot (owner of Inyear-old business will soun by dependent Punts) blames us for swallowed up by the bigger fish. Meanwhile, the petty feud loss of his mooring, but it's his own fault. It's between him is getting increasingly personal. Said Mr Maseychik: "James and the council." Surveying his fleet of 140 punts, he added: "We're not into poaching moorings. If Independent Punts had MacNaghten (Scudamores' proprietor) is trying to buy up the whole bloody river. He's albeen allowed to tender, we ready got three-quarters of the would not have bid."



Photographs: Brian Harris Water fight: Keen touts approach tourists leaving their coaches for river business, and (right) skirt round local laws with cash-in-hand payment

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Stores ordered to recycle waste packaging

NICHOLAS SCHOON Environment Correspondent

Britain's supermarkets will soon be legally obliged to recycle up to an eighth of the packaging waste that their millions of customers throw into dustbins.

New laws will compel the retail giants to join new corporative organisations charged with the task of boosting recycling by financing the spread of neighbourhood collection banks and large plants where plastic, glass, metal and paper are separated out of raw household refuse.

The draft waste-packaging regulations - published yesterday by the Secretary of State for the Environment, John Gummer - will become law next year. They will cost industry between £300m and £635m a year to implement by the year 2000, according to his department.

Mr Gummer said the rules could add between 5p and 25p to a typical family's weekly shopping bill of £50. "But the shopping may end up costing less if all goes the way we hope it will," he said.

In the long run, increased re-cycling could bring down the cost of packaging.

The new regulations will ap-

ply to every company handling more than 50 tonnes of packaging a year - from the manufacturers of the raw material all the way through the packaging chain to the final retailers.

Although "tiny corner shops" will be excluded, more than 11,000 businesses are expected to be covered by the laws and all will have a legal obligation to recover a proportion of used packaging.

The regulations are needed to comply with the EU's waste packaging directive, which says

that, by 2001, 25 per cent of all packaging waste must be recvcled. Furthermore, at least 50 per cent of this waste must be usefully recovered - which in-

material in garbage incinerators to generate electricity. Although the obligation is shared, the lion's share, 47 per cent, falls on the retailers and the smallest share, 6 per cent, on the raw material manufac-

cludes recycling or burning the

The regulations were devised in close collaboration with business. Their publication vesterday followed more than two years of intensive wrangling between different parts of the packaging chain - with all wanting to minimise their responsibility and costs.

Companies covered by the regulations have two options for complying. They can either do so individually - producing detailed figures on how much packaging they handle and how they much recycle and recover, for inspection by the Government - or they can join a "compliance scheme", a co-operative set up solely to deliver the obligation of individual companies collectively.

One such organisation, called Valpak, already exists in embryo. It has 60 member firms, including supermarkets Tesco and Sainsbury, and reckons that by 2000 it may have thousands of members, together paying £250m a year to boost recycling and recovery schemes.

Whether the regulations actually reduce the amount of packaging used in the first place remains to be seen. The quantity stands at about eight million tonnes a year and continues to rise in line with economic

Hurd warns Tories over dangers of beef election strategy

JOHN RENTOUL Political Correspondent

Douglas Hurd, the former Foreign Secretary, last night warned Conservatives they faced their "last chance" to unite over Europe and pleaded with them not to make the election a "contest between those who are for Europe and those who are against Europe".

His attack on Euro-sceptics came on the eve of today's expected European Court interim ruling against the British government on the beef ban. Mr Hurd incensed the Tory right by defending the European Court, and the "fundamental principle" that, in the areas covered by the Treaties of Rome and Maastricht, "European law prevails over British law".

Bernard Jenkin, Tory MP for Colchester North, said: "Of course you need rules for the single market and you need a court to adjudicate on those rules", but European law was developing so that "our entire judicial and administrative system becomes answerable to institutions beyond national

democratic control". The court is likely today to reject all the Government's arguments, including its claim that the EU ban on worldwide beef exports is unlawful. The

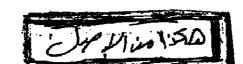
European Commission argues that if British beef were allowed

out of the EU, it could be re-labelled and reimported.
Mr Hurd attacked Tory MPs who had demanded a "beef election", saying: "For a few weeks the Prime Minister was actually urged by some to use diseased cows and contaminated feed as a patriotic rallying cry to bring him victory in the gen-eral election."

He told a Conservative Group for Europe dinner that they must not follow a "sincere but misguided section of our supporters into unreality and oblivion" – "though it is late", there was still a chance to "end

the sourness and unite". Ministers who call themselves Euro-realists" said Mr Hurd's speech was "an attack on the Prime Minister". One said that framing the election campaign in terms of for and against Edition cope was a "specious justaposition – that is not the argument".

Mr Hurd was backed by another former Foreign Secretary. Lord Howe, who attacked the policy of non-cooperation. "We deceive ourselves if we believe that our beef bravado was the cause of the compromise that we had to accept, "he fold the same meeting. "We cannot be, and never will be, electorally successful as a Euro-sceptic party."



Infanticide: Study highlights the youngest victims of violence

Silent sufferers of domestic tragedy

GLENDA COOPER

A baby less than a year old is killed on average every 12 days in Britain and they are just as likely to be killed by either parent, according to research. Infants are "silent victims" four to five times more likely to

be killed than people of any other age - Professor Channi Kumar of the Institute of Psychiatry said. Using Home Office statistics from between 1982 and 1988, he discovered that the chances of being a victim of homicide are "maximal" in the first year of life; 20 per cent of those infants are killed Fon the day they are born.

The killer is nearly always the biological parent. "We have traditionally thought that in- constant over the decades.

fanticide is an offence com-mitted exclusively by the mother." Professor Kumar said. "But it is quite astonishing to us that, looking at the statistics, while it appears that on the first day of the child's life the deaths are almost all committed by the mother, after the first day fathers and mothers are equally represented - if anything fathers slightly more so."

Mothers tend to kill their children by less violent means such as suffocating and drowning whereas fathers usually kill their children by damaging them physically. Despite the introduction of the Abortion Act there are now 100,000 abortions a year - the rate of infanticide has remained fairly

recognises that the balance of mind may be disturbed after childbirth and so sentencing tends to be less severe. Men who kill a baby are more likely to be convicted of murder or manslaughter and sent to

Professor Kumar said that a parent could be driven to kill a child by exposure to violence themselves, loss of control, mental illness or personality dis-order. He said it was possible that the number of deaths was under-reported with some of the deaths attributed to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, Cases such as that of the man convicted last week of killing three of his children were the excep-

The present Infanticide Act tion, however. "It is most comprotects mothers in that it monly a single disaster. It is not usually an offence that is repeated," Professor Kumar said. He called for more system-

atic studies of parents who kill their babies to see if there are any common factors, such as psychopathic tendencies or mental illnesses. With more in-formation, deaths could be prevented, he said.

"There is a huge amount of interest when an adult is killed schizophrenic. This is a problem which might happen once every month, every two months. There is a crisis and we are told we must target the risks. But an infant is killed every 12 to 14 days - that is 30 homicides a



Rise in infertility linked to craze for body-building

The body-building craze sweeping the north-east of England has lead to a rise in male infertility linked with anabolic steroid use, according to a new study.

Doctors in Newcastle say

that scores of young men some as young as 15 - are taking the drugs for recreational purposes, and are ignorant of the potentially devastating effect on sperm production.

They are advising colleagues at infertility clinics to watch out for men who may be using steroids, and to ask them directly if they take the drugs. The "at risk" group can be easily recognised on examination by their bulky physique and small testicles, the doctors say.

Their report in tomorrow's issue of the British Medical Journal details five recent cases of couples attending the infertility clinic at the Centre for Reproductive Medicine at the Royal Victoria Infirmary in Newcastle, in which the men had zero or very low sperm counts after taking steroids. One 29-year-old whose hob-

by was weightlifting, said he took oral steroids for two weeks a year before attending the clinic. However, tests suggested continuing steroid use and he admitted to taking a "protein health drink" made up by the gym before he started training. Three months after stopping the "drink" his sperm count had returned to normal.

Another man, 28, who was a regular at the gym and a keen weight-trainer, took steroids given to him by friends but doubled the suggested dose, causing a sharp reduction in his sperm count. He obtained needles for his injections from a needle-exchange programme intended for intravenous drug users to reduce the risks posed by sharing

dirty needles. His wife became pregnant six months after he stopped taking the steroids.
In the BMJ, Dr Alison Mur-

doch and colleagues report: "Over the past year we have noted an increased number of men attending the infertility clinic who have been using anabolic steroids for body building. This has been associated with an apparent substantial increase in body building as a recreational pastime in the North-east."

The report says that because of the "great secrecy" surrounding steroids and the illicit means by which they are obtained, men hide it from doctors. "The lack of awareness of the implications of steroid abuse is shown by the polypharmacy [range of steroid drugs used], the carelessness of the dosage, and the young age at which the

problem starts," it argues The scale of steroid use among recreational body builders and weightlifters is unknown, although one 1992 study suggested that it may be as high as 40 per cent. The patients in the Newcastle study estimated that between 100-300 men regularly attended their own gymnasiums, and that between one-quarter and three-quarters were taking steroids.

The adverse effects of anabolic steroids include liver cancer and other liver diseases growth of breasts, reduced libido, prostate cancer, mood changes, and dependency, plus fertility problems. Reversal of the effects on sperm can take up to 12 months after stopping the drugs, and problems can persist for up to three years. Some body builders take up to 40 times the doses at which adverse effects

have been recorded. All the men in the study said they were unaware of severe side effects of the drugs and that

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Pilots call off strike as mail row hots up

An indefinite strike by pilots at day was called off last night. Meanwhile, a glimmer of hope emerged in the Royal Mail dis-

After days of negotiations. leaders of the British Airline Pilots' Association (Bulpa) agreed a 3.6 per cent pay package together with improved salary rates for lower-paid flight crews operating out of Gatwick - avoiding what could have been the most damaging industrial ac-tion since the miners strike more than a decade ago.

The BA settlement negotiated by Balpa includes improved rates for qualified pilots newly employed by BA and the reinstallation of bunk beds on jumbo jets for the use of flight crews on long routes. There is also a commitment to a better working relationship between management and the union.

Chris Darke, leader of Bal-

'Olive branch' after post union calls stoppages. Barrie Clement reports

pa. said the action would be sus- the dispute appeared to be enpended while his members voted on the package, but he thought it represented a "great success". A spokeswoman for BA said the "real winners" had been the customers.

Hopes rose for a settlement in the Post Office conflict last night despite an earlier decision by leaders of 130,000 Royal Mail workers to order a serious es-

calation of industrial action.
While ministers were prepar ing to suspend the Post Office's monopoly on the letter post during future strikes, a letter from Richard Dykes, managing di-rector of the Royal Mail to the Communication Workers' Union presented the possibility of fresh talks.

Earlier vesterday, however,

tering a far more serious phase with the union calling four periods of action ranging from 24

to 48-hour stoppages.
Sources at the Department of Trade and Industry yesterday confirmed that the Post Office's sole right to handle letters for less than £1 could be lifted during the walkouts.

Ministers warned that as soon as the monopoly was suspended there would be a clamour from backbenchers and from private delivery firms to make it permanent.

Alan Johnson, joint general secretary of the union, announced a 24-hour stoppage from 3am next Thursday; a 36hour strike from 10am on 26 July: 48 hours from 3am on 31

July, and 24 hours from 3am on 6 August. The letter from Mr Dykes to

to Mr Johnson pointed out that there had been a misunderstanding between the two sides when talks finished on Tuesday. Mr Dykes said there was no suggestion that management want-ed to predetermine the outcome of productivity talks and that there was no question of the Royal Mail insisting that industrial action be abandoned simply that it should be sus-

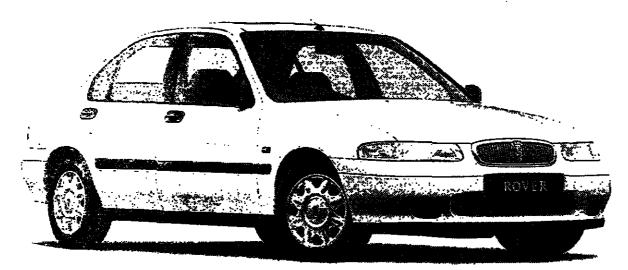
pended to allow further talks. A union spokesman said the clarification from Mr Dykes seemed to be an "olive branch" and the union would enter talks on that basis as soon as possi-

The dispute centres on the Royal Mail's insistence on "team-working" and on the union's demand that a proportion of letters should be set aside for the second delivery.

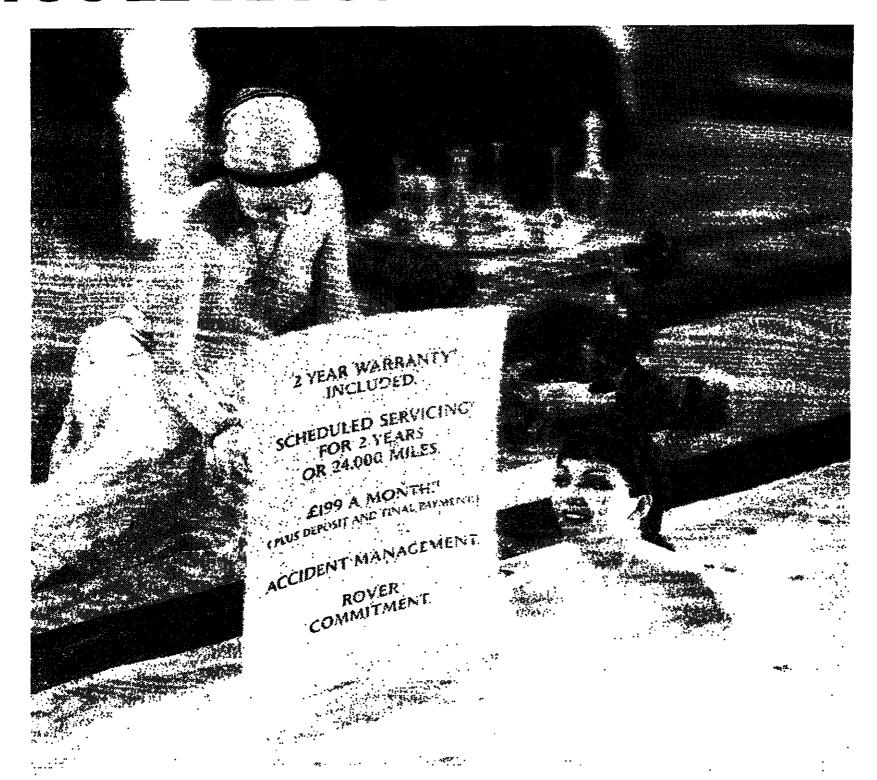


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£1m wasted on failed teacher inspections

GOUL HINDUL Education Editor

Around £1m has been spent on primary teacher training inspections which have failed to deliver enough information about the teaching of reading and arithmetic.

Yesterday Chris Woodhead, Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Schools, announced that the courses would be reinspected using different rules, to ensure that the reports focused on literacy and numeracy. He said the original inspections were not designed to investigate details of student training in the basic skills needed.

Head teachers are to be drafted in to strengthen the teams of inspectors who carried which got high ratings, as well out the original inspections of as those which did badly. 34 of the 67 primary teacher training institutions.

Many teacher training incision to reinspect the courses, which they see as an attack on their professional judgement. The quality of training to teach English was found to be good. or very good, in over half the courses inspected. Overall, five institutions were found to be unsatisfactory.

Teacher training and Her Majesty's Inspectors have long been targets of right-wingers who accuse both of pedalling progressive methods.

Mr Woodhead is an outspoken supporter of traditional methods, including phonics in the teaching of reading. He made a robust defence of his decision to reinspect courses.

He denied that he lacked confidence in his inspectors' judgement, refuted the suggestion that the initial inspections had got it wrong, and rebutted the view that the exercise had turned out to be a waste of time and money.

The first inspections, which ranked colleges on a scale of one to four, had taken a "broad sweep", he said, to provide the Teacher Training Agency with information that had enabled it to allocate money according to quality. Mr Woodhead said: Far from undercutting the evidence from these inspections. these further inspections will build on the findings at a time when the focus nationally is so clearly on basic skills of reading and arithmetic. We feel it is imperative that we look again at these areas.

The new inspections will use different criteria. The fourpoint scale will be replaced by a seven-point scale. The inspections will include colleges

At present, colleges which are graded "three" are pronounced "sound" which is interpreted as meaning that they have both strengths and weaknesses.

Mr Woodhead said evidence in a report earlier this year on literacy teaching in three London boroughs, and his own conversations with head teachers, suggested there was disquiet about the way courses equipped students to teach reading.

Ivan Reid, vice-chairman of the Universities Council for the Education of Teachers, said: "Mr Woodhead cannot be acting on the evidence of his own inspectors. I can only assume that today's announcements have been born out of political

Gillian Shephard, the Secretary of State for Education. yesterday announced that performance tables for teacher training would be published next year, based on inspection grades, student entry qualifications, their success in obtaining teaching posts and students and employers' views.

DAILY POEM

Study in a late Subway

The moon revolves outside; possibly, black air turns so around them facing night's concave, momentum the slogan of their hurling brains swung into speed, crying for stillness high suspended and rising on time's wave.

Did these tracks have a wilder life in the ground? beaten from stream of metal in secret earth: energy travels along the veins of steel, their faces rush forward, missles of discontent thrown vaguely to the south and north.

That head is joined loosely on his neck, his glossy eyes turn on the walls and floor: her face is a blank breast with sorrow spouting at the mouth's nipple. All eyes move heavily to the opening door,

regarding in duliness how we also enter. An angle of track charges up to us, swings out and past in a firework of signals. Sleepily others dangle by one hand tense and semi-crucified things.

Speed welcomes us in explosions of night: here is wrath and fortitude and motion's burning: the world buries the directionless, until the heads are sprung in awareness or drowned in peace.

Sleep will happen. We must give them morning.

Muriel Rukeyser was one of the Objectivists, a group of left-wing, mainly Jewish American poets in Thirties New York, cen-tred on Louis Zukofsky. George Oppen, Charles Reznikoff and Carl Rakosi. Objectivist poetry was lyric poetry stripped-down, sharpened, and infused with new vocabulary, images and perceptions. Muriel Rukeyser (1903-1980) presents its soft-er edge in Andrew McAllister's The Objectivists, published by

President forgives 200 years of injustice

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

Nelson Mandela vesterday buried two centuries of injustice to blacks in South Africa and forgave British leaders who regarded him as a terrorist by telling a joint meeting of peers and MPs at Westminster he had returned to Britain in friendship.

"Perhaps the fact of our presence here today might serve to close a circle which is two hun-

Michael Heseltine, the Deputy Prime Minister, capped the praise from the two Houses of Parliament when he later told MPs that the South African president was "one of the political giants of our time".

The way in which Mr Mandela had left prison without bitterness and set about the healing of the wounds in South Africa "must be regarded as one

century," said Mr Heschine. And Mr Heseltine insisted that everything Mr Mandela had done was within the con-

text of the rule of law". Baroness Thatcher, who once dismissed Mr Mandela's African National Congress as "a typical terrorist organisation" was in the audience of ministers. Opposition leaders, diplomats and peers when the president

The friendship was underlined from the moment Mr Mandela entered the hall, handin-hand with the Speaker. Betty Boothroyd, who helped him down the red-carpeted steps to the platform in Westminster

Mrs Boothroyd recalled being a "black sash" protester outside South Africa House at

dred years old," said Mr of the more remarkable politi-Mandela, of the more remarkable politi-was given the rare honour of Trafalgar Square during the speaking to the two Houses of years of Apartheid, Today, she said, Mr Mandela would be going to South Africa House "where you were vilified", this time as head of state.

As the Lord Chancellor, Lord Mackay, recalled "patriots and martyrs have stood trial for their lives" in the 1,000-yearold hall, the former prisoner gave a gentle nod. Among the front-row VIPs were John Major and the Prime Minister's

wife, Norma: Mr Heseltine and his wife, Anne; Tony Blair, the Labour leader, and his wife Cherie; and Sir Edward Heath.

But the affection showed for Mr Mandela was demonstrated outside when cooks, security men, messengers, and secretaries, stopped work to catch sight of the South African President, who was restricted to a meeting behind closed doors on a previous visit to the Commons. He told the joint Houses of

Parliament that British colonists had seized land from his forebears. Eighty years ago, his predecessors in the leadership of the ANC came to Parliament to plead to be treated equally

with the white settlers. As eloquently and passion-ately, the British rulers of the day spoke in these Houses to say they could not and would not amend their agenda with regard to South Africa," he said. "Despite that rebuff and the terri-

sequence, we return to this honoured place neither with pikes nor a desire for revenge nor even a plea to assuage our hunger for bread.

We come to you as friends." He did not dwell on the colonial past, but stressed the help some British leaders, from William Wilberforce to Harold Macmillan, had given to bring about change for the better in South Africa.

To close the circle, let our peoples join hands'

This is the text of President Nel-son Mandela's speech to both Houses of Parliament yesterday:

My lords, ladies and gentlemen. It is with a deep sense of humility that we stand here today to address the historic Houses of Parliament of the United Kingdom.

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This rare honour you have extended to a foreigner speaks to the great age, the extent and the warmth of the relations between our two peoples.

Eight decades ago, my predecessors in the leadership of the African National Congress came to these venerable Houses to say to the government and the legislators of the time that they, the patricians, should come to the aid of the poor citizens.

With no pikes to accompany them, because the British armies had defeated them, they spoke eloquently and passionately of the need for the colonial power to treat them as human beings equal to the 1820 settlers who wafted down from Europe.

As eloquently and passionately, the British rulers said they could not and would not amend their agenda with regard to South Africa, to address the interests of that section of our population which was not white.

Despite that rebuff and the terrible cost we had to bear as a consequence, we return to this honoured place neither with pikes, nor a desire for revenge, nor, even, a plea to your distinguished selves to assuage

our hunger for bread. We come to you as friends, bearing with us warm greetings from the hearts across the

Even in the most lifeless of historical sessions, two hundred years would be too long a period for the force of change not to break free. Change has come to our country too, perhaps at last, but bringing with it joy, the promise of a better future and a protracted festival of hope across the globe.

Racism is a blight on the hu-man conscience. The idea that any people can be inferior to another, to the point where those who consider themselves superior define and treat the rest as sub-human, denies the humanity even of those who elevate themselves to the status of gods.

It seems to us that, as the ordinary people of the world came to understand the real nature of the system of apartheid,

they decided that they would not permit their response to that question should be to hang neir heads in shame.

We take this opportunity once more to pay tribute to the millions of Britons who, through the years, stood up to

say: No to apartheid! Our emancipation is their reward. We know that the freedom we enjoy is a richly-tex-tured gift handcrafted by ordinary folk who would not allow their own dignity as human beings be insulted.

No society emerging out of the grand disaster represented by the apartheid system could avoid carrying the blemishes of

The first founding stone of our new country is national reconciliation and national unity. The fact that it has settled in its new mortar needs no advertising. Our second founding stone is the establishment of a democratic system which ensures that all citizens have an equal right and an equal possibility to determine their future. It prohibits the option of tyranny and dictatorship and it guarantees the fundamental human rights of all our people.

Our third founding stone must surely be that we end the enormous race and gender disparities in wealth, income and opportunity we have inherited from our past and whose continued impact on our society necessarily subtracts from the achievement of the goals of na-

tional unity and reconciliation. Here we are confronted with a protracted struggle which is intimately bound up with our fourth founding stone, this be-ing the rebuilding and modemisation of our economy and setting it on a high sustainable growth path to end poverty, un-

employment and backwardness. As important a founding stone as the rest is the fact that we are an African country. With all our colours and races combined in one nation we are African people. The successes we seek and must achieve in polities, the economy and social development, are African successes which must be part of

an African renaissance. They are integrated within a process which must lift and nanish the clouds of despair that continue to cast a dark shadow

over our continent.

continent has bled from many gaping sword wounds. It lost millions of its most able sons and daughters to a trade in slaves. To this day we continue to lose some of the best among ourselves because the lights in the developed world shine

brighter. An ancient continent disgorged into the hands of foreigners what lay in its bowels and in the fertility of its soils.

The continent bleeds still, struggling to service a foreign debt it can neither afford, nor afford to repudiate.

The louder and more piercing the cries of despair - even when that despair results in half-a-million dead in Rwanda - the more these cries seem to encourage an instinctive reaction to raise our hands so as to close our eyes and ears.

Both of us have been part of this unfolding tragedy, watching. waiting, troubled, not knowing what beast born of this superhuman suffering, slouches towards Bethlehem to be born, to borrow the words of an Irish poet.

But this we must know, that none of us can insulate ourselves from so catastrophic : scale of human suffering.

And so let that outcome, as we close a chapter of two centuries and open a millennium, herald the advent of a glorious summer of a partnership for freedom, peace, prosperity and



In the end, the cries of the in-

fant who dies because of hunger or because a machete has slit open its stomach, will penetrate the noises of the modern city to say: Am I not human too? To close the circle, let our

peoples, the ones formerly poor citizens and the others good patricians - politicians, business people, educators, health workers, scientists, engineers and technicians, sportspeople and entertainers, activists for charitable relief - join hands to build on what we have achieved together and help construct a humane African world, whose emergence will say a new universal order is born in which we

are each our brother's keeper. friendship. Thank you.

"are you making pointless purchases"

A friendly message to apartheid's British apologists and opponents "To have emerged from prison

with such apparent absence of any bitterness ... must be regarded as one of the more remarkable political achievements of our century," -Michael Heseltine following President Nelson Mandela's address to the combined Houses of Parliament yesterday. But what might Mr Mandela

have said, were he slightly less forgiving? We have obtained the only copy of the speech Nelson Mandela never made. "My lords, ladies and gentle-

men. Thank you for inviting me here. May I first say how fetching Madam Speaker and the Lord Chancellor look in their colourful tribal garments? No wonder the tourist trade to Aondon is so brisk (just one of my rather rare jokes, that).

"I am not joking when I say that it is good to see Baroness Thatcher here. Not many understand her contribution to the liberation of the South African people. In fact I don't understand it either. How did it come about that someone whose speeches resonated with such an uncompromising passion for



DAVID AARONOVITCH

struggle that the ANC and others were forced to wage?

"Over those long years, as I land, or sat in my room at Polesmoor, I pondered what I said that majority rule was a dubious concept in African con-ditions - look what had happened in most of Black Africa'. Although apartheid was 'repugnant', of course, could we be sure that one person one vote would not be worse? I see a couple of blushes in the audience.

Then there was the problem of what to do about it. Sporting boycotts would not work. They would cause resentment, bring about isolation. Oh, and interliberty and democracy, should fere with the cherished free-

of you devoted vastly more itory of democracy and the antime to campaigning for sport- swer is partition! Tell me please, ing ties with Apartheid South what do you think would have Africa, than in arguing for change. And trading sanctions would be worse. They would hit lost? Do you think I'd be swanthe poor blacks (who somehow ning round the world with a flyfailed to appreciate this fact) disproportionately. "After a while it became ob-

vious even to the stupidest Conservative MP that things could not go on. So they found alternative 'solutions'. Like Mr paced the yard at Robben Is- Michael Colvin MP, one time secretary of the party's Foreign Affairs Committee and former heard from Britain. First it was PPS to the Foreign Office ministers. In 1985 he warns against talking to South African terrorists (ie me), travels to Jo burg five months later as a guest of the regime and discovers 'Homelands'. He's in Bophuthatswana in '86, and again in '87. The magic solution! Why not split the country up and let the blacks have the worst bits?

"That fails. So suddenly great prose poems are written about the nobility of the Zuins, the greatness of Chief Gaisha have been so hostile to the doms of British sportspeople to ferences between Xhosa and vou.

go wherever they wanted. Some Zulu. Inkatha is the true reposhappened if Buthelezi had won the last election, and I had whisk? Not likely. I and thousands of others would be pushing up the veldt with 'traditional weapons' protruding from every orifice.

"And now the same people in the same newspapers are talking about how we are bound to fail. Look at the crime! Look at the civil unrest! They just cannot bear to say we were wrong, we're sorry'. Why not?

"So my greetings go to others. To the awkward squad who stood outside South Africa House every day for years. To that cantankerous MP, Bob Hughes, who campaigned through thick and thin, no matter how 'boring' others thought him. To the students who boycotted Barclays Bank. To the thousands who sent me greetings cards in prison.

'To those who were naive enough to believe that blacks Buthelezi, the 'irrevocable' dif- can make democrats too. Thank



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Daughter tells inquest of murderer's last days

West blamed wife for deaths of 12 women

Fred West, the mass murderer, was told yesterday that in the months before his apparent suicide he blamed his wife. Rosemary, for the deaths at Cromwell Street, Gloucester.

West, 53, was found hanging in his cell on New Year's Day last year at Winson Green Prison in Birmingham where he was on remand for the murder of 12 women.

West's daughter. Anne-Marie, speaking at the inquest in Birmingham, said: "He actually wrote me a letter naming Rosemary as doing it. When I went to see him he said . . . there were other people involved and he would get his own back on them in the end . . . he didn't feel he had any of the blame."

Anne-Marie agreed with the coroner, Richard Whittington, that her father expected to be found not guilty. However, she had felt he had become depressed while on remand.

She said: "He told me how

An inquest into the death of upset he was when Rosemary shunned him when they both appeared at court in Gloucester. I think that was when maybe he started to get down because Rosemary wouldn't have anything to do with him."

Asked if her father had ever said that he was considering suicide, Anne-Marie said: "He never said, 'I'm going to kill myself. The only indication was he said 'I will get out of here one way or another'. But she added: "I couldn't see [him] having the nerve to do it.

In November last year his wife Rosemary was was given 10 life sentences for murder. Earlier the coroner had told

the jurors – six women and three men - that their task was to determine four things: who the deceased was, where and when he died, and more particularly how he came to meet his death. The second inducst witness

was a Home Office nathologist. Peter Ackland, who told how he visited West's cell to find him

Mr Ackland said he could see a ligature mark around West's neck, and believed the cause of death to be cerebral anoxyia due to hanging. Mr Ackland showed the inquest about 5ft of blanket material, found in West's cell, which had been rolled and sewn. He demonstrated how a loose end was passed through a loop to form a slip knot.

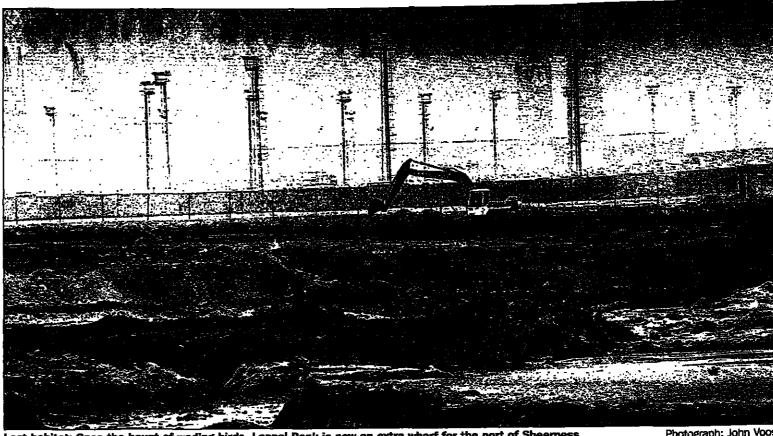
A forensic psychiatrist, Rosemary Cope, who interviewed West for over 10 hours in prison told the inquest that West had shown no signs of mental illness and had "denied

had written the graffiti. which read: "Freddie - mass murderer from Gloucester."

that he was planning suicide".

A West Midlands Police scene of crime expert, Robert Bruce, described how he found graffiti on the cell wall but no evidence of a suicide note. Mr Bruce agreed it was not possible to determine whether West

The inquest continues.



Lost habitat: Once the haunt of wading birds, Lappel Bank is now an extra wharf for the port of Sheemess

Howard blamed for destroyed haven

NICHOLAS SCHOON **Environment Correspondent**

The European Court yesterday ruled that the Government broke EU law when it refused to give special protection to a mudflat, a feeding ground for threatened wading birds.

Michael Howard, the Secretary of State for the Environment at the time, made a flawed decision about Lappel Bank in the Medway estuary in 1993, the Luxembourg-based court

Mr Howard had ruled that virtually the entire estuary on

the north Kent coast, 4,681 hectares in all, should be desig-nated a Special Protection Area under the EU's Birds Directive - turning it into a giant nature reserve and giving it a strong measure of protection from damaging development. But he decided to exclude

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Lappel Bank, covering just 22 hectares at the estuary's seaward edge, from the protected area. He did so because the Port of Sheerness, the fifth biggest in Britain, wanted to build an extra wharf there. Mr Howard felt that in an

need for jobs and economic development was more pressing than safeguarding one small part of the estuary for birds. The area is used by tens of thousands of migrating waders and wildfowl for breeding in

area of high unemployment, the

as a staging post during spring and autumn migrations. About 70,000 birds stay there in winter, and there are seven species for which the Medway estuary provides a habitat for a significant part of their global

summer, feeding in winter and

population. Lappel Bank, now destroyed, was important for shelduck. ringed plover, grey plover, dun-lin and redshank.

The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) challenged Mr Howard's decision to exclude the mudflat from the reserve, starting with a judicial review in the High Court and taking it all the way through to the Appeal Court

and the House of Lords. There, the Law Lords decided that the wording of the directive was unclear, and last year they referred the case to the EU's supreme legal body,

in Luxembourg. wildlife and habitat conservation
Yesterday 11 of the court's with economic development. judges unanimously ruled that the Government was not entitled to take economic considerations into account when drawing up the boundaries of the special protection area. It is

the area's importance to bird

populations alone which counts. Once the area has been designated there is, however, a legal let-out for the Government and developers. If they can show that there are "imperative reasons of overriding public interest" for damaging development, then it is allowed - provided that new, compensatory reserves are created for birdlife

elsewhere. Yesterday the Department of



the Environment said it would consider creating a new hird habitat near Lappel Bank to compensate for the loss.

The ruling delighted conservation groups, who saw it as an important test case for nature protection laws. It will now be carefully considered by other European governments which the European Court of Justice have had trouble reconciling wildlife and habitat conservation

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The chief executive of the RSPB, Barbara Young, said the ruling was excellent news. "Economics do not determine where wildlife sites are, and should never be a consideration when they are designated."



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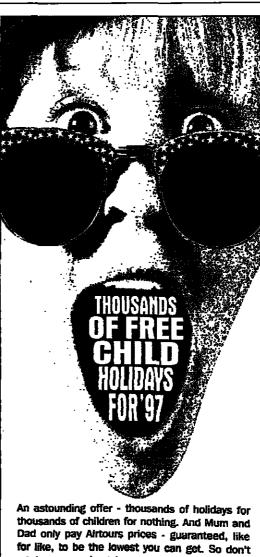
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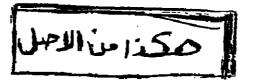


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Last letters show the depth of Dylan's love

LOUISE JURY

They were the last passionate letters of a contrary and desperate love.

In words as poetic and moving as anything he ever pub-lished, Dylan Thomas's final outpourings to his beloved wife, Caitlin, revealed a love tinged with bitter remorse for his bouts

of adultery and heavy drinking.

"I am profoundly in love
with you, the only profundity I know," he said in a letter from New York. "Every day's dull torture, every night burning for you ... I LOVE you."

It was financial difficulties that drove Thomas to New York where he was to die of alcoholic poisoning in 1953 while on a poetry-reading tour.

Ironically, yesterday his simple scribblings to Caitlin sold to London dealer Bertram Rota Ltd for £12,650 - compared with a pre-sale estimate of £7,000-£9,000 - at auction at Sotheby's in London.

Four unpublished signed let-ters were put up for auction by Francesco Fazio, Caitlin's son by the Italian actor Guiseppe Fazio, with whom she lived after Thomas's death.

Francesco was the sole beneficiary of her estate when she

died two years ago.
With the letters were the poet's black leather wallet, containing a passport-sized photo-graph of Caitlin, found in his New York hotel room at his death, and boarding tickets and relevant papers to allow his body to be shipped home.

A Sotheby's spokesman said the letters were among the very few he wrote in the last years of his life and were almost certainly the last to Caitlin.

They tell of the couple's tempestuous love and his remorse at their numerous separations, some prompted by his woman-ising and alcoholism. If I am never to wake with you again, I shall die

... I have lost you because I

am bad ... I love you Caitlin,

I think you are holy. Perhaps

that is why I am bad to you.

with you again, I shall die but

that does not matter because

all that matters is that I love

you always, for ever, my own

- though you are gone from me - my own true love."

On the outbreak of war:

What have we got to fight

for or against? To prevent

Fascism coming here? It's

All this flogged hate again

We must go on with out-of-

sale, one of 33 letters from

Thomas to his friend and con-

fidant, Desmond Hawkins,

makes the first reference to

Caitlin to appear in any of

came his wife.

come? To stop shit by throwing it ... I feel sick.

Now if I am never to wake

On poverty and meeting Cartlin: '... depressed as hell by this chronic, hellish lack of money ... night and day in my little room high above the traffic's boom I think of it, of possessing it in great milky wads to spend on flashy clothes...and a very vague

young Irish woman whom I love in a grand, real way ... but will have to lose because of money money money ...

To Caitlin: 'I am writing this useless letter to you at a table in the Giubbe Rosse where, after I saw you go away in a tram, I went, sadder than anybody on the whole earth, to sit and wart

In one letter, dated 7 May 1953, written in his tiny, neat handwriting, he complains of their long separation during his reading tour, announces proudly that he is sending home a cheque for \$250 (£160) and informs her that his research shows they could live cheaply in Majorca. He also complains at not hearing from her.

"In all the hotel bedrooms I've been in in this two weeks, I've waited for you all the time,' he wrote.

"She can't be long now, I say to my damp miserable self, any minute now she'll be coming into the room: the most beau tiful woman on the earth, and she is mine, and I am hers, until the end of the earth, and long long after. Caitlin, I love you.

Have you forgotten me? In one brief three-line pencil note from the Savage Club in London, he declared: "Darling darling darling Cat, my own dear love, I love you - I deserve to be hung up by my feet, and flogged with bottles." In a separate lot in yesterday's

... has seas of golden hair, two blue eyes, two brown arms, two dancing legs, is untidy and vague and un-reclamatory. I'm lost in love and poverty ..." The lot made £21,275 against a

guide price of £12,000-£15,000. Other items in yesterday's auction included rare books, maps and an Arabic-English dictionary used by TE Lawrence - Lawrence of Arabia.

He referred to it while he was working in the Cairo intelligence department in the period leading up to the Arab revolt against the Turks in 1916, and later used it at the 1919 Versailles peace conference, when he was British liaison officer with the Emir Feisal.

Among the more curious lots was a hand-written account of the effects of alleged witcheraft on a 17th-century York-shire family: "A Discourse of Witchcraft as it was acted in the Family of Mr Edward Fairfax of Fuystone in the County of Yorke in the year 1621."

It tells of the behaviour of two

Thomas's surviving letters and of Mr Fairfax's daughters and of his happiness when she bea village girl after their alleged "My wife is Irish and French bewitching by six local women.



some of his last letters Photograph: Nicholas Turpin

Becket casket saved for nation in £4.2m deal

LOUISE JURY

A 12th-century casket which may have held the remains of the martyr Thomas à Becket was saved for the nation vesterday after the Canadian newspaper magnate who bought it at auction withdrew from the purchase.

Lord Thomson of Fleet, a former owner of the Times, has relinquished his interest in the casket, known as the Becket Chasse, to the National Heritage Memorial Fund and the Victoria and Albert Museum. west London, where it will go on immediate display.

Despite widespread delight, the announcement also prompted criticisms. While the last-minute deal cost nearly £4.2m, the casket had initially been offered to the British Museum for £1.8m, but the money could not be found.

Mark Fisher, Labour's spokesman on the arts, said: This has been a mess. We've almost certainly paid over the odds because of the incoherence of the process.

"We need to take a long clear look at the funding of and procedures for retaining important items. The Government has limped along from Cone crisis to the next, and it's about time they co-ordinated the work of the different bodies involved."

The National Heritage Memorial Fund paid more than £3.5m towards the acquisition. It will go on display at the Victoria and Albert before being shown in Canterbury Cathedral next year, during the 14th centenary celebrations of the

arrival of St Augustine in

Lord Rothschild, the fund's chairman, said it was delighted that Lord Thomson had made "this generous gesture ... for the benefit of the nation".

In a statement, Lord Thomson said: "The family loves the Chasse and has coveted it for many years, but our satisfaction in being the successful bidder has been marred by the realisation that the Thomson family alone would stand in the way of the Chasse belonging to and

remaining in this country."

They had "sadly and with reluctance" decided the fund should purchase the casket. "The family is greatly consoled by the realisation that this wonderful and historical work is now likely to remain in this great country where it truly belongs."

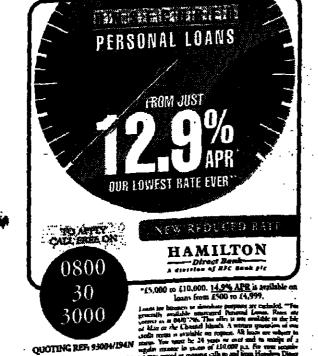
A spokesperson for the National Art Collections Fund, which helped raise funds to save the casket, said it was pleased "It has been our ardent wish

to have this important casket in the safe ownership of one of our great national museums."

And Virginia Bottomley, the Secretary of State for National Heritage, said: "It is impor-tant that objects which hold such a special place in our history are retained here and are available for everyone to see and enjoy."

The Limoges casket is be-lieved to have held the blood and bones of Becket, who was murdered in Canterbury Cathedral in 1170. It is set with crystals and copper engravings depicting Becket's life and





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Lebed's rapid ascent to power triggers alarm

PHIL REEVES

Those of his opponents who worry about the authoritarian instincts of Alexander Lebed, the new power within the Kremlin, will take little comfort from the latest events in the aftermath of last week's re-election of Boris Yeltsin. The President has pressed ahead with plans to widen the scope of the Security Council, which the retired general runs, allowing it oversight of issues as diverse as economic espionage, defence, foreign

policy, and law and order.

His move coincided with a separate decision to place his new protege in charge of supervising a crackdown on the mafia and on official corruption in Moscow, the scene of a mysterious bombing yesterday in which five people were injured when a package blew up on a trolleybus during the rush hour. The plan includes provisions for more police, doubling the pay of judges, more jails, and lavish gifts for informers.

Mr Yehsin, who is grappling with ill health, has been under

pressure from General Lebed to increase the Security Council's powers ever since ushering the general into the heart of the Kremlin after his strong performance in the first round of presidential elections last month. It now appears, much to the alarm of General Lebed's rivals, that he is getting his way.

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The President has signed a decree which redefines the power of the council. Until now, it was an advisory body made up of Russia's most powerful office holders, notably in defence and security. Although the document is couched in vague terms, details have emerged confirming that its powers will be significantly increased, as will those of General Lebed – its secretary and national security adviser to the president.

The council will, for example, prepare proposals on introducing states of emergency and economic sanctions, as well as carrying out a more orthodox role overseeing and streamlining Russia's sprawling state security and defence apparatus. These will be passed on to Mr Yeltsin, who has the power to

pressure from General Lebed to increase the Security Council's powers ever since ushering the general into the heart of the the weak Russian parliament.

Further light was east by General Lebed implement them by presidential decree – without reference to the weak Russian parliament.

eral Lebed himself yesterday, who revealed that the council would have four new departments of: "economic security, defence security, public security and information security". Its brief would include coordinating the security services—at present, branches of the former KGB, the police, and the military are separately run, and at times are at loggerheads—and developing domestic, foreign and military policy. It would have the power to establish new security organisations; overall, "the spectrum of issues, tasks and functions facing Russia's Security Council has sub-

stantially expanded", he said.
So, it seems, have his own.
General Lebed, who answers
only to the President, said his
job would include advising the
President on "the punishment
of the leaders of federal power bodies responsible for national security". He will supply
the President with information
about the candidates for the

country's top posts. He claims he has already been advising the Foreign Minister, Yevgeny Primakov; he is even planning to go to Chechnya, where the chances of peace were yesterday dealt another blow with the death in a landmine explosion of a Russian general.

of a Russian general.

General Lebed's astonishingly rapid ascent to power is causing deepening tensions within the Kremlin, not least with the Russian Prime Minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, whose position as the second most powerful figure in the country appears to have been abruptly usurped.

abruptly usurped.

It has also triggered a ferocious row within the top brass of the Russian military over the next Minister of Defence, yielding a storm of allegations and counter-accusations about corruption. And it has prompted concerns among his more liberal-leaning critics that, if Mr Yeltsin's health collapses, the general will take control of the reins of power, handing the alling President whatever decrees the virtually autonomous Security Council sees fit.

Burnt out: A forensics expert examines the wreckage of a bus gutted by a bomb yesterday in Moscow Photograph: AP

SIGNIFICANT SHORTS

The US government yesterday revoked the visa of Colombian President Ernesto Samper because of his alleged links to the Cali drug cartel.

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said the administration determined that Samper "is ineligible for a visitor's visa under US law." Calling it "a very serious and extraordinary step." Burns said the move demonstrates to the Colombian people that the United States takes narcotics trafficking seriously. AP - Washington

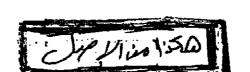
European FBI. Mr Bruton, who holds the European FBI. Mr Bruton, who is determined to place his own government's war on drugs and organised crime on the European agenda as a matter of urgency, said consensus was emerging among at least six EU leaders on the need for a police force with powers to operate throughout the Union. Dublin's demand for a collective response to the drugs problem has been strengthened by the murder in Dublin last month of the campaigning journalist Veronica Guerin. Katherine Butler - Paris

Italy's Prime Minister, Romano Prodi, managed to Ipaper over the first serious cracks in his centre-left governing coalition, overcoming opposition from the hard-left party Rifondazione Comunista that threatened to derail economic policy in the run-up to European monetary union. The row threatened the stability of Mr Prodi's government, and also Italy's prospects of bringing its runaway public finances under control in line with the Maastricht convergence criteria. Andrew Gumbel – Rome

Singapore unveiled measures to regulate political and religious content on the Internet, and keep its patch of cyberspace free of pornography. The guidelines are designed "to safeguard the national interest", officials said. Organisations putting locally produced political and religious information on the Internet's World Wide Web pages must also register. Reuter – Singapore







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Trade Row: America's crusade against Cuba, which has infuriated its allies, is yet another example of its unilateral behaviour

Cuba vendetta sparks bitter US trade war

RUPERT CORNWELL Washington

The ban on entry into the US of seven business executives, including two prominent Britons. is fast turning Washington's election-year vendetta against Fidel Castro's Cuba into one of the most bitter and potentially damaging transatlantic trade row in more than a decade.

As tensions grew yesterday, Britain delivered a tiercely worded protest to the State Department over what one diplomat called the "disgraceful and preposterous" blacklisting of the two British nationals, the former Bank of England deputy Governor Rupert Pennant-Rea, and Sir Patrick Sheehy, former nonexecutive chairman of BAT Industries. All seven blacklisted men are from the Canadian mining company Sherritt In-

In London, the Government is considering how to retaliate against this first implementation of the now notorious Helms-Burton Act, passed by the Republican-controlled Congress. containing sanctions against foreign companies which do business with Cuba.

Tit-for-tat bans on individual American citizens seeking to visit Britain would be hard to introduce, officials admit. More likely, they say, is a strengthening of the little-used Protection from Trading Restraints Act, which permits recovery in British courts of damages suf-

According to reports published in the US, between 100 and 200 companies are currently committing Sherritt's offence of "trafficking in confiscated US property" in Cuba, and thus risk having their own top executives barred from the US. The State Department will not say how companies are on its of so blacklist, but a spokesman not- and union groups is urging a pariah state involved with ter- furore that has resulted from repayment of a relatively modification on the country occurs seeking particularly in investigations of furore that has resulted from repayment of a relatively modification from repayment of a relatively modi

250 joint ventures with foreign partners, all of whom could be potentially liable.

British officials believe the list contains around 15 company names, of which "perhaps two or three" may be British, among them almost certainly the sugar concern Tate and Lyle,

Thus far, only two companies have been publicly identified by the State Department apart from Sherritt: the Mexican telephone concern Grupo Domos and the Italian telecommunications group STET, which between them own 49 per cent of Cuba's state telephone company. Like Sherritt, STET and



Jessie Helms: Republican author of the Act

Grupo Domos are likely to be informed that their top execu-tives and their families will be hanned from US soil.

In anticipation of such a move. Mexico yesterday formally protested against the Helms-Burton Act, saying it violated the principles of the United Nations, the World Trade Organisation, and NAFTA, the trade pact linking the US, Canada and Mexico.

Canada has reacted in outrage to the American action, and plans to take the dispute to NAFTA. Meanwhile, a coalition

some \$1,3 billion a year in the state, unless President Clinton shelves the so-called Title III

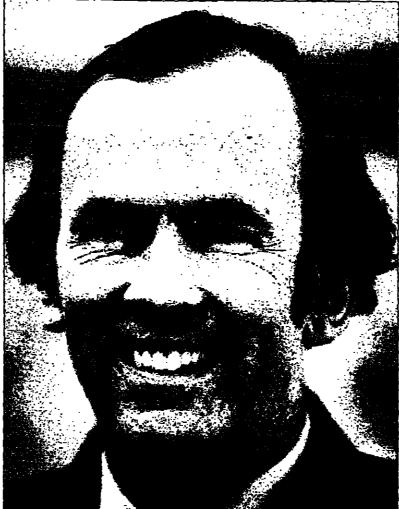
provision of Helms-Burton. Title III - which permits US citizens, including many naturalised Cuban-Americans, to bring suits against foreign companies which are using proper-ties they owned before the Castro take-over in 1959 - is potentially far more disruptive than the headline-stealing, but largely symbolic, travel ban af-fecting a handful of individuals.

On paper, the claims could total billions of dollars. According to opponents of the measure (who once included President Clinton) Title III will clog US courts, lead to serious international legal wrangles and further worsen relations between Washington and key allies. President Clinton has until next Tuesday to decide whether lo grant a waiver.

But few believe that Mr Clinton will abandon a law that commanded a veto-proof majority on Capitol Hill - just four months before an election in which Florida and New Jersey, the two states where the Cuban-American vote is most important, are both key electoral college prizes. New Jersey is a swing state which Mr Clinton must win. In Florida, the Democrats feel they have a chance

of their first victory in 30 years.

In vain do Britain, Canada that the US ignored a similar sanctions threat in the 1970s from Arab countries over trade with Israel - precisely on the grounds that it was extraterritorial and thus illegal. On Cuba, they have long come to realise, as one diplomat put it, that "the US parts company with reality. We don't approve such sanctions against fran either. However, we understand





Blacklisted: Rupert Pennant-Rea, left, and Sir Patrick Sheetry, hit by US sanctions against firms which trade with Cuba

America likes its laws to have a long arm

PETER RODGERS Financial Editor
ANDREW MARSHALL Foreign Editor

The tough action over foreign businesses dealing with Cuba is not the only example of the United States throwing its weight around. Britain, and many other countries, have had and other countries point out a constant battle with US tax and regulatory authorities over their attempts to impose their own rules abroad.

The rows peaked in the 1980s; but the current problems over Helms-Burton indicate that extraterritoriality is returning to the agenda, and perhaps in a more damaging way than ever. The fundamental cause is US unilateralism in its dealings with other states, and

nations are less willing to accept United States dominance than they once were.

Ironically, many of the worst problems have been resolved. The most famous recent extraterritorial dispute was the attempt by some US states to impose profits tax on the worldwide earnings of foreign com-panies. This came to a head with a decision by the US Supreme Court in 1994 backing the state of California's right to levy a so called unitary tax on these earnings, after a long fight with multinational companies head-

ed by Barclays and Colgate The practical effects were not as expensive as some companies had feared, because California scaled back its demands, and

would have owed was \$4bn. But there is still resentment

among British companies that California's right to levy the unitary tax continues in principle. The British government has continued to press for tax reforms in the US to eliminate the problem, and has introduced retaliatory powers which it can use if British-owned companies are damaged in future. The tax fight has been echoed

over the last 16 years by similar pressure from the US Securities and Exchange Commission, which regulates the securities markets, and the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, to be allowed to extend their investigations to foreign countries, including Europe.

This led to constant rows,

though the total California has now been defused by an international pact to share infor-

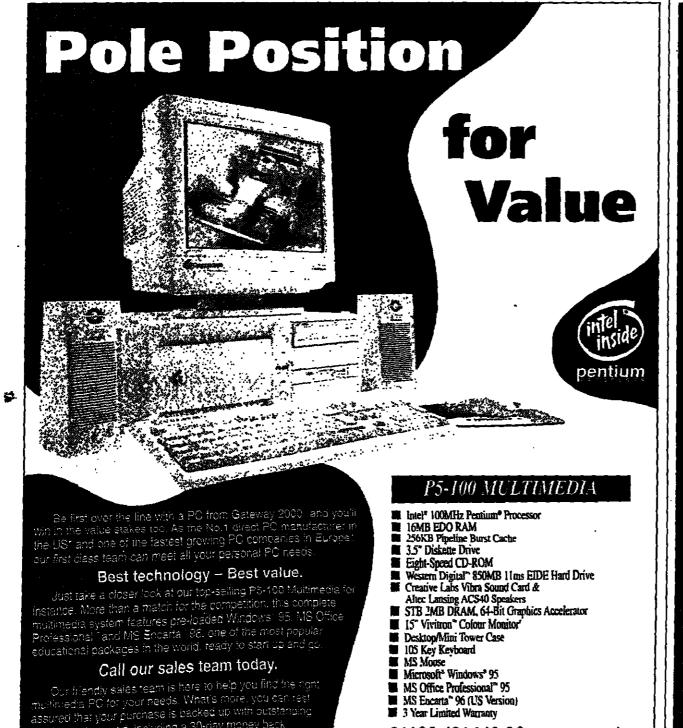
The US has also been waging an unsuccessful battle to have its laws against money laundering used as the basis for legislation in other countries, most of which believe American methods are wasteful. The US campaign has been strongly resisted by the Bank of England. But the most damaging dis-

putes over extraterritoriality involved relations with the former Soviet Union in the era of the Cold War. It was in this arena that the nakedly political thrust of the doctrine was clearest. The US, for instance, imposed arms exports controls which hit not just American companies, but also covered reexports of goods with US comprevent the enemies of the West from gaining access to sen-

sitive technologies; but many felt that it was really aimed at en-suring US control of key sectors.

Equally, there was fury when the US intervened to attempt to stop European companies from gaining contracts on a Soviet gas pipeline to Siberia, and again the suspicion was that there was more to this than American national security.

The latest row once again in-tertwines commerce and high politics, since the explicit US aim is to penalise those who trade with Cuba. There is more to come; similar plans are afoot for those who trade with Iran and Libya, But there is clearly much less willingness on the part of the Europeans, in particular, to accept US unilateralism this time. The Cold War is over; Cuba is not seen by the EU as growing impatience with Wash-



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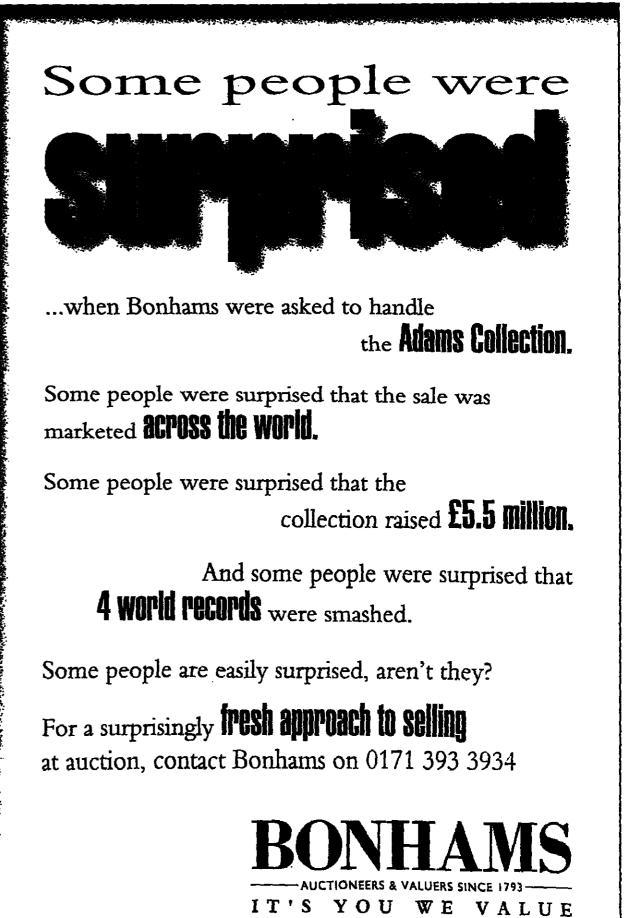
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Asian help for Burma weakens sanctions

STEPHEN VINES Hong Kong

Advocates of human rights in Burma were yesterday celebrating the decsion by the Dutch brewer Heneken to pull out of a big beer-making project in the capital Rangoon because of human rights concerns. But they may have overlooked an inconvenient detail: the Dutch brewer's stake in the project was instantly snapped up by its Singaporean partners,

Although the Bunnese human rights campaign has scored other victories in the vithdrawal of investments by such names as Carlsberg, Peps. Reebok and Levi Strauss, oreign investment in Burma is rising.

The most active new investors are from nearby Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia and Hong Kong. Singapore has more projects in 3urma than any other country although Thailand is not far behind. But the biggest single investor in Burma, in terms of cash, is Britain, although the size of the British stake is distorted by a few large-scale oil and gas projects.

Entrepreneurs from the south-east Asian tates are given full backing by their gov-ernments who claim to be pursuing a policyof "constructive engagement with the State Law and Order Restoration Burma. The Association of South East Asian Nations (Asean) is worting hard to bring Burma back into the fold and has even given the Burmese government observer status at it summit meetings, pending a decision on membership.

The United States, however, is to consult Asean on how best to curb a "rew tide of repression" in Burma, the Secretary of State Warren Ch pher said yesterray. One item on the agenda a Mr Christopher's meetings with Asean ministers in Jakata on 23-25 July is the possbility of an economic boycot to nudge Burma's ruling military junta towards democratic reform.

The Burmese regime's most active supporters admit that the human rights situation is not perfect but claim that isolation and boycott will do nothing to improve matters.

In Hong Kong, the semi-of-ficial Trade Development Council has recently published a guide for investors which states that Burma's "economic performance and outlook have .. been clouded by calls from international human rights groups for political and economic sanctions against the Slore government, which has recently begun a diversified campaign to improve its image".

The campaign is frequently pushed off course by the regime's propensity to round up political opponents for torture and imprisonment. However, there is no denying progress on the economic front where the once-stagnant economy is set to grow by around 7 per cent this year, following a similar level of growth last year. Foreign in-vestors from Asia are making tracks to Rangoon to build hotels, set up textile factories and projects for the exploitation of Burma's rich natural resources.

Set against this enthusiasm the withdrawal of investment by American and a few European companies is unlikely to sway Burma's dictatorship.

Burton Levin, a former US ambassador to Burma, has de-Council (Slore) which rules scribed the Slore as "the most stupid" regime he has encountered. Its leaders seem almost happy to court international opposition, secure in the belief that those closer to home will turn a deaf ear to boycott calls.

The Asian Forum for Human Rights this week called for economic measures to bring the Siore to heel.

But the Forum's call is likely to be lost as regional governments encourage their businessmen to add to the \$3bn (£2bn) in investment which has poured into Burma and only seems to be inhibited by problems of bureaucratic incompetence, unrealistic currency policies and other non-political barriers to foreign investment.



Casablanca and Bamako, writes Mary Dejevsky. The Interior minister, Jean-Louis Debre, yesterday reiterated the government's determination to clamp down on

illegal immigration in a move to offset public criticism Roissy airport, in France, before boarding an aircraft to after his decision to allow some illegal immigrants who remain in France legalty – they will now be able to work and to claim state benefits.

Photograph: AP

Romanians ban 'heretic' Witnesses

ADRIAN BRIDGE Budapest

An international convention of Jehovah's Witnesses, due to be staged in Bucharest next week. has been called off after a scathing attack by the head of Romania's Orthodox church on what he described as a "heretic" sect. The convention organisers

had expected to attract 40,000 people to the three-day event, the majority from Romania itself, where membership of the Jehovah's Witnesses has enormously expanded since 1989. But after repeated objections from Patriarch Teoctist.

head of the Romanian Orthodox Church, the government withdrew permission to use Bucharest's main soccer stadium for the convention. Rather than cancel the event,

the Jehovah's Witnesses have switched the venue to the Hungarian capital, Budapest, where thousands of believers are due to converge today. But bitterness remains, "It is

very sad to see that religious intolerance still exists in Europe in the 20th century," said Gary Wollin, an American who is active on behalf of the sect in Budapest. "This is just piling more be able to work oppression on the already op-Photograph: AP pressed people of Romania."

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Although dozens of religious sects and denominations have been allowed to function in Romania since 1989, the government remains uneasy about

prosclytising. According to Mr Wollin, the attitude of the Romanian authorities harks back to the Communist era, when Jehovah's Witnesses were effectively barred from seeking converts in eastern Europe, and joining the sect could earn offenders a prison sentence.

Patriarch Teoctist, who was also head of the Orthodox church under Romania's former communist dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, did not mince his words in denouncing the planned convention. The "heretic teachings professed by this sect ... contribute in an irresponsible manner to increasing the ha-

tred and violence that haunt the world today," he said. Although 85 per cent of Romania's 23 million-strong population profess to being Orthodox Christians, growing numbers are being drawn to more unconventional sects.

The Jehovah's Witnesses claim at least 20,000 members in the country, all of whom fer-vently believe that the end of the world is nigh - and that when Judgement Day does come, only they will be saved.

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Holes in roof reduce Prado to a building site

ELIZABETHNASH

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wheels will encise the majestic 18th-century building while lead and glass is fitted to the delapidated roof. It is a belated attempt to plug he holes that allowed rain to drip into the room containing the Velazquez masterpiece Ls Meninas in

So shocking vas this disclosure that the director Felipe Vicente Garin resigned on the spot and parliament, in an unprecedented spasm of cross-



Attraction: Vehzquez at the Prado Phytograph: B&S

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party unity, approved an extensive emergincy repair pro-gramme lasting 18 months and costing 1,403m resetas (£7m).

Delays in stating the repairs, however, mean that thework will stil be in train when building begins on an ambitious new extension whose final shape will be decided this

autumn. Disruption to the public will be inevitable, he museum's new director, Farnando Checa, admitted this week, although he added that "the museum's basic collection vill remain on. begin early in 1998.

view in its entirety, including all the works of Goya, Velazquez and El Greco, and 90 per cent of the Titians."

These works will none the less be shunted about from room to room as successive parts of the museum, including the firstfloor central gallery, are closed for months at a time. Lesser works will have to be temporarily removed to make room for the most important paintings, and big exhibitions will be

npossible.

The most disruptive work is scheduled to coincide with the summer months, the quietest time, according to Mr Checa, although likely to be the most in-convenient for international visitors. Visitors will be handed leaflets detailing the paintings' temporary locations during each of the five stages of the re-

pair work. The museum ruled out the idea of sending some major works on exhibition elsewhere. This was the policy adopted recently with spectacular success by Italy's Pamphilj museum during restoration work, which put its Velazquez masterwork, Pope Inocencio X. on show in Madrid and London.

Some thought had been given to mounting travelling exhibitions, Mr Checa said, but the principal works will not leave the museum".

The repairs will be at their height during the closing stages of the international competition to design the Prado's muchneeded extension. Ten shortlisted projects selected in January must be submitted in detail on 10 August and a 14strong jury of international architects and three senior Prado directors will choose the winner

on 7 September. It will take until spring 1997 for the government to approve the selection, and the 10-year work programme is due to



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SREERENICA: A YEAR LATER

How can we have hope while Mladic lives?"

SARAH HELM

For just a moment, the sobbing which had filled this suffocating stadium seemed to stop. And for just a moment row after row of brimming eyes looked up and stared towards the figure flick-

ering across a distant screen. At first, it was hard to focus through the gloom. But when Mirzeta Cevic recognised the figure in battle faiigues she clasped her little boy, Mirnes, knowledged to have been the close to her. "Mladic," she worst massacre on European

whispered quietly as it seemed did the other 6,000 Srebrenica women who gathered yesterday in a stadium in northern Bosnia to remember the slaughter of their men and the ravaging of their "safe haven" town. "How can we have any hope while he is still alive," said Mirzeta, who has not seen her husband, Hamza, since 11 July, 1995.

The women had come together here exactly one year after what is now widely ac-

ters" representing the international community.

The event was elaborately staged, featuring film dips of the Butcher of Srebrenica himself - Ratko Mladic, interspersed with quotations from the Koran by Queen Noor of Jordan and a reading from a letter of good wishes from Bill Clinton.

The intention was apparently to encourage the women of

soil since the Second World War. It was a gathering staged by the women's influential "Sissacred, to think of the living and

The "Sisters" were asking too much. To think of the living is hard if all around you your dead are being exhumed. The first bodies were pulled out this week from the mass graves of Srebrenica. To think with hope of the future is hard for women like these, who watch war criminals like Mladic still strutting the Bosnian stage and who know they have no chance of return-

debate, only stark and simple memories. Mirzeta Cevic described how for three days before the enclave fell she and her family had lived in shelters fearing Mladic's troops were

about to enter the town. With her husband and four children she fled north to a refugee camp where she first encountered the General. "My husband was holding the little boy," she said. "He asked him

For the women gathered in on a tus full of other men. I nev-lized yesterday, there was no er saw my husband again. er saw my husband again."

Other women described how

their husbands had left Srebrenica in an armed column which headed off into the woods, never to be seen again. Hiding her face in a cotton veil, Izeta Memic, said: "My husband Sevko kissed the children and then was gone. He didn't know where he was going and nor did we."

As Izeta was speaking a new voice had moved to the stadithe women to remember the plight of women everywhere to remember the women who battled for equality in South Africa, in Ireland and in Argentina. But now the faces around the stadium slump forward once again, confused and dazed. "All women have the same hearts." said Mila Ahmematobic. "But these words mean nothing to us. We just want to find our men. We want to know what happened. We feel we have been betrayed

Emma Boning, the European Commissioner for Hu-manitarian Affairs, told the women of Sreprenica they would never beforgotten and urged them not to give up hope. But man women here had bitter membries of the Eu-ropean Union failure to help them during their conflict. We are Europeas. Mrs Bonins comes from Bussels, which is just two hour away. What did Europe do to help us." asked one young mile survivor of the

New warrants for Serb war leaders

CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY Defence Correspondent

The UN war crimes tribunal yesterday issued international arrest warrants for the Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and army chief General Ratko Mladic. The warrants authorise their arrest if they cross any international border. The tribunal also rebuked the rump Yugoslavia and Republika Srpska, the Bosnian Serb ministate, for failing to arrest the two men, who are among 72 people indicted for war crimes

in the former Yugoslavia. The tribunal also invited the prosecution to lay additional genocide charges against the two and emphasised their personal, individual responsibility for genocide and other crimes in addition to their command responsibility.

The warrants will be sent im-The Hague said. Warrants issued previously meant that other countries were able to arrest Mr Karadzic and Gen Mladic if they appeared on their territory; yesterday's warrants oblige

them to do so. "There is a significant difference," the spokesman said. of the mission had been re-"It publicly brands the accused international fugitives, which they have not been before, and brands the state in which they shelter an open-air prison. It also makes them vulnerable to days after the implementation any political changes in the of the Dayton accords, there country of refuge." Even if the were no people in the "anvil"

Republika Srpska shelters the apart from British soldiers, fugitives temporarily, any new Now there are 35,000. Maj-Gen novernment could change its

Senior military sources said that if, as expected, a Nato-led peace force remains in Bosnia after the present mandate expires on 20 December, it will he a military force designed for combat and not purely to assist in reconstruction.

"If the decision is that a military underpinning is required then we're talking about fighting - not just engineers to build bridges, medical and so on," the sources said.

Major General Mike Jackson, who has commanded the British-led Multinational Division South-West for the past six months, was optimistic about the prospects for building peace in Bosnia.

There has been criticism that progress in the non-military mediately to Interpol and all areas has been minuscule," he UN member states, a said, "I don't buy that. There spokesman for the tribunal in is quite a lot of freedom of movement." Seven thousand vehicles crossed between the Serb and Muslim/Croat areas daily, he said. "Some economic rehabilitation is under way. The roads are starting to be

reopened. He said the first six months markably successful, most notably the resettlement of the large area known as the "anvil". handed back to the Bosnian Serbs. Early in February, 45

Jackson said that following fulfilment of the tasks given to it by the Dayton accords, it was inevitable the mission would broaden. "I do not buy the phrase 'mission creep'," be said.
"I think that's somewhat naïve. The mission was bound to

He also cited evidence of reconciliation between the former warring factions, but said it would inevitably take time. "It is less than one year ago that the factions were tearing each other apart on the battlefield. It took perhaps seven or eight years for the western Allies and the Germans to get recon-ciled after the Second world war. We've had peace in Bosnia for seven or eight months."

The British division is now based in Banja Luka, in Bosnian Serb territory. Whereas Pale is still a stronghold for Serb extremists, and the refuge of Mr Karadzic and Gen Mladic, Banja Luka is the centre for more moderate Serbs. Some of them support the restoration of a multi-ethnic Bosnia rather than two clearly separate entities, which most Serbs would prefer.

Banja Luka airport is used by military and diplomatic flights but it is almost ready to reopen for commercial traffic. When the airfield is ready, I-For will hand it over to the civilian authorities, but that will require agreement between the Muslim-Croat Federation and Repub-



On the conscience of Europe: Women from Srebrenica mark the anniversary in Bonn yesterday

Contact nations split on planning arrests

JONATHAN CLAYTON

Brussels - A year after Europe's worst war atrocity since 1945, the major powers are squabbling over how to bring the two men held most responsible for the carnage leading to the massacres.

in Srebrenica to justice. A dispute over how to detain the Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and his military strongman General Ratko Mladic has split the five-nation contact group in a re-run of earlier disputes now blamed for

"It is the usual mess," a Eu- area" of Srebrenica - an act of ropean diplomat said. He was speaking after repre-sentatives of the United States,

Russia, France, Germany and Britain issued another bland statement after meeting in London yesterday, which stressed the need to remove the two men from political life. There were no done. Diplomats said old faultlines, with the Americans urging a more muscular approach caution, had reemerged and

blocked any consensus. "Frankly, it was the worst contact group since 1994 at the height of the transatiantic rows alyst close to the talks said.

over air strikes," a military an-Ironically, those differences were largely ended by the Serbs'

such defiance of the international community that it led to a united policy to gird's Bosnia's ... Serbs for the first time.

after Robert Frowick, responsi-

ble for organising the first post-

war elections in Bosnia, threatened to bar Mr Karadzic's ie Rosmian Serb Democr ic Party (SDS) from them. Mr Karadzic, an indicted war criminal, remains party eader. Although be retains his

title as Bosnian Serb president. he has theoretically handed over his powers and functions to his deputy.

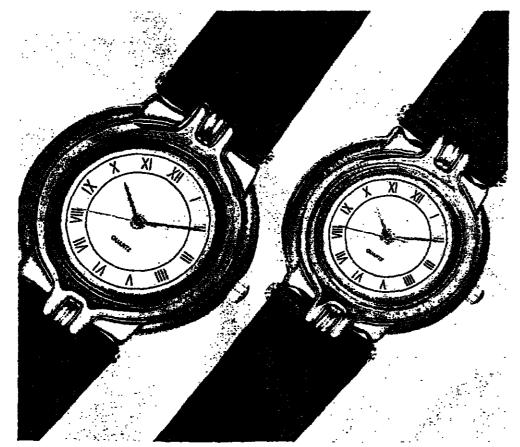
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That was good enough for Carl Bildt, the international community's representative for Bosnia, who says the elections must go ahead to keep up the mo-

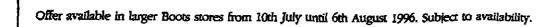
"If you tar the SDS, the elections ar meaningless," a Bildt supporter said. "The Serbs for the first time. Serbs will se us even more as
The dispute suggested this week against their and local oursest and non-compliance (with Day-ton) could asily follow." But Mr Frowick head of the Bosnia office of the Organisation for Europe, takis a harder line. Untions. Mr Frowick said he planned to use the powers at (his) dispisal" to block the SDS as loig as Mr Karadzic

wielded and power at all.
The US state department backs Mr Frowick while Paris and Londor have fallen in behind Mr Bldt. Germany has sided with the United States.

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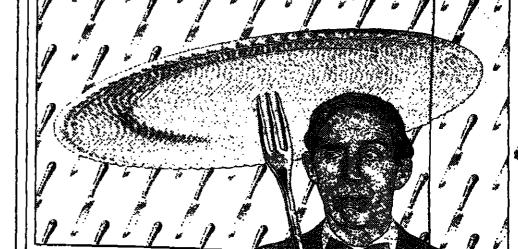


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HK mandarins resign before Britain leaves

Hong Kong — The Director of Immigration has quit with barely enough time to pack his bags, the head of the govern-ment's propaganda department is off, alongside a clutch of her senior staff, the only ethnic Indian policy secretary has been squeezed out and a number of other very senior civil servants are refusing to say whether they will stay or go.

Yet the disappearances at the top of Hong Kong's civil service are minor compared with the likely carnage among holders of sensitive government jobs. Around one-third of the most senior officers in the police force are likely to quit before next year's Chinese take-over and the numbers likely to leave the Special Branch are a tightly kept secret.

Asked about the evident unease at the highest levels of the administration, Governor Chris Patten said: "I don't believe that we have any real problems of personnel shortfall or management in the civil service or the disciplined services". He said that the numbers of people leaving were very low, although admitted that at directorate level they were "a little higher". However, there is no disguis-

where the commissioner has taken the unusual step of asking his officers to indicate whether or not they intend to leave, in the hope that those thinking of going can be persuaded to stay. Fearing a mass exodus of civil servants. China has done its

best to assure the 180,000-strong staff that its services are valued and no radical changes are envisaged. But unease surrounds the plans for the appointment of policy secretaries, a hybrid position which in British terms combines the role of ministers and permanent secretaries. It is clear that those wishing to hold on to top jobs are be-

ing vetted to ensure they will be loyal to the new regime. An acid test of that loyalty seems to be endorsement of China's plans for scrapping the legislature and replacing it by a provision-al, unelected body.

The colony is seeing an exodus of civil servants, reports Stephen Vines

civil service's quality. A helated civil service have publicly hintlocalisation programme, along-side a mass of early retirements, has meant over-promotion of non-cooperation with the new mediocre officers. The consemediocre officers. The conse-quences are likely to be partic-are believed to have done so in ularly severe in the police force private. Some are more circumspect. A local newspaper conducted a survey of policy sec-retaries to see who wished to remain in office after the Chinese takeover; about a quarter of those surveyed declined to give

> As China is almost certain to be running the colony with leaders who either have very little or no experience of how the Hong Kong government works, it is keen to keep the bureaucracy intact. Lo Tak-shing, the only declared candidate for the position of chief executive, or head, of the post-1997 government, has gone so far as to suggest pay rises for all civil servants to keep them sweet. However, money and fear of the new regime's intentions are not the only concerns. Civil servants face a host of personal

problems, particularly those

who have sent children overseas



Colony in transit: A poster for Feeding the Hungry Gods, an opera about the return of Hong Kong to Chinese rule

ticipation of the regime but do sion commitments made by the current administration. They thus favour early retirement and lump-sum payments of their

not wish to split the family per- their ability in the Mandarin dimanently. A great many fear that China will not honour pen-

Taken together these concerns create enormous pressure at senior levels. One senior officer explained her dilemma: "I

of the system. They also fear that | don't want to work for them but what else can I do? I've been in the service all my life, who else would want me now ?". She plans to take early retirement and emigrate but remains unsure whether she will have enough money in the long run.

likely to remain after 1997 appear to have secured an escape hatch, mainly through the British nationality scheme which provides the right of abode in the United Kingdom for those wishing to remain in Hong Kong while they occupy key posts. Technically, members of

this scheme are not full British citizens and will therefore not be disqualified under Chinese rules from holding policy secretary positions. But this will not prevent a quick visit to the massive new British consulate which is being geared up to issue passports at

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Oliver Robinson

The first word that comes to mind when thinking of Oliver Robinson is "reticent". He could seem inordinately shy at first meeting but the sparkle (sharper than a twinkle) in his eye soon gave him away. He loved the publications that he first art-edited then edited, nurtured, passed on somewhat unwillingly to his chosen staff and finally supervised - above all the redoubtable Good Housekeeping. He loved the typographical niceties: the designing of the lay-outs, the choosing of illustrations and photographs (his artist contacts were the envy of his competitors), for he was a publishing animal right from the start. This is not surprising when you know his background.

Born in 1908, the cidest son of the young family Robinson. Oliver was closest to his father. that extraordinary Victorian artist "Will" Heath Robinson (1872-1944). As Oliver wrote in the introduction to the catalogue of a Heath Robinson exhibition at Chris Bectles' gallery

in London, he and his siblings, three brothers and an elder sister, were brought up in true Vic-torian tradition in so far as correct behaviour and good manners were concerned, but he remembered having a very happy childhood, living among a large clan of cousins Heath Robinson loved fam-

ily life and never discouraged his children from walking into his home studio and offering their suggestions for improving the work in hand, which he would discuss in all seriousness even if he never took them on board. He made up adventurous bedtime stories for the children, and their likenesses could be recognised in his published illustrations. What enthralled them were his ideas for mechanical contraptions, firmly based, as Oliver recalled, on what they thought of as the solemnity of their father's humour.

Seemingly workable, these models were meticulously drawn up in fanciful detail so as to turn the logic in them on its

head: the figure whose feet were jointed back to front so that he was neither coming nor going or the Permanicular allpurpose tool with a special attachment for removing gravy stams from gravel paths. As the years went by these contraptions become more and more convoluted and more and more famous until the term "Heath Robinson" entered the world of dictionaries to mean absurdly ingenious and impracticable in construction: a mechanical device absurdly complicated in design yet having a simple

Oliver was still a schoolboy at Craneligh when his lifelong interest in printing started. His father gave him a small printing press on which he produced, meticulously, a one-off magazine called the Occasional Magazine. It was not surprising that Oliver Robinson went straight from school to work in the well-established printers Hazell, Walson and Viney, where he acquired an invaluable grounding

in general printing, not forget-ting such arcane details as the characteristics of differing typefaces and their effect on certain paper, the success or otherwise of an art editor's layouts from the copy and artwork passing through the firm, and so on.

By 1930 he had moved to the National Magazine Company, the autonomous offshoot of Hearst Magazines in the United States, to become Art Editor of Good Housekeeping, a monthly that managed to become the most classic, yet innovative, of all women's magazines. Three years later Robinson served a temporary stint on Nash's in the same stable, by which time he was firmly established at "Nat Mag".

Soon after the bombing started in London, Robinson was de-puted to "evacuate" his editorial team to the quiet atmosphere of an early medieval castle in Wales, the famous St Donats then owned by Hearst (and where the Atlantic College is now based). With him went

his mother Evelyn, her mother, and the cat.

Despite the semblance of family life, everyone found the tempo of life and the isolation in this southernmost tip of Glamorgan to be just too much. The team returned to base. Oliver Robinson was called up and given a temporary comsion in the Queen's Royal Regiment in 1941, transferring a year later to camonflage operations, in the company of many fellow artists and design-ers, at Farnham, Surrey. By 1944 he was a Staff Officer at the War Office. I wonder how gentle, kind Oliver managed the square-bashing and the obligatory smart saluting? Did he already have his taste for scarlet braces and a copious intake of souff, this last not ideal for a

chronic asthmatic? After the war, publishing conditions were still difficult but Robinson, now the Editor, concentrated on moulding his team on Good Housekeeping and making use of his superbeye for talent-spotting. Where others would only see the eagerness of the inexperienced, he would see the potential and in the words of a highly successful protégée of his, Joan Sturdy, "He would pick talent, give guidance, stretch with a workload that he assumed the person could tackle - and expect an enormous output." It usually worked. His staff were incredibly loyal and in case of trouble he would always back them up or show them how to extricate themselves. He believed in Alexander Pope's maxim "To err is human, to forgive divine".

To Margaret Webb, my Art Editor on House Beautiful, Robinson was "gifted, gentle, in-telligent, reliable, never angry, amusing, even mischievous. It was good to know he was always there, always supportive." To me, in despair at being told our quarterly was instantly to go monthly, he gave unusual advice but it worked after a fashion. "Think of editing like driving a four-in-hand," he said. "You

can't let one horse shoot ahead of the others, you have to coax each horse along, first one and then another, and keep evening up your team at the same time." That's when I learnt to do without sleep.

In 1957 the publishing position changed and Good Housekeeping, among other magazines, was losing circulation and continued to do so for the next seven years or so. Drastic steps needed to be taken, and it was decided to concentrate on the household service features at the expense of more general ones. This left Robinson in charge of a magazine with much less appeal to his own interests and he found it difficult to sympathise with all the trendier titles competing for an increased readership and a larger slice of the advertising cake. He brought in a new Editor and relinquished his with his beloved Good Housekeeping to become Production Editor for the whole National Magazine group in 1965 until he

retired in 1970, at the age of 70. Luckily he had his clubs, the Savage and the Sketch Clob, to compensate for the loss of his time-consuming work on GH. He was a long-serving member of the Savage, since 1935, latterly as Trustee. As a chibman he was "more of a listener than a performer but you knew he was there". The Sketch Club, was mere. I me Sketch Caup, with its distinguished member-ship, will be celebrating its centenary in 1998. It meets regularly in its studio in Chelsea, where the PEN English Causes is the content of the period of lish Centre is its tenant. In the upstairs lecture room there is a dramatic frieze of silhouette portraits amongst which is one of Oliver Robinson - in profile and densely black, a fitting

choice for a reticent man. Marie-Jaqueline Lancaster Oliver John Robinson, journalist: born 7 April 1908; Editor. Good Housekeeping 1947-65. Editor-in-Chief 1965-67; married 1933 Evelyn Laidler, died 26 June

Edilio Rusconi

When historians come to analyse post-war Italy's tawdry obsession with popular culture. when sociologists start to look for the rationale behind all those royal scandals, stripping housewives and lurid gameshows that dominate the country's modern media, they will inevitably focus long and hard on the figure of Edilio Rusconi.

Of all the Italian publishing tycoons whose careers took off in the aftermath of Fascism, it was Rusconi who best defined - and exploited - the appetites and interests of the mass reading public. Through magazines such as Oggi and Gente, first published in the 1940s and 1950s, he hit upon a bestselling mix of upper-class glamour, Catholic high-mindedness and prurient low-life sleaze that continues to fascinate ed-



itors, readers and television viewers to this day.

In many ways, he was to his generation what Silvio Berlusconi was to the Italy of the 1980s - a self-made man, a canny entrepreneur and an astute arbiter of popular taste, indeed. the two men became direct competitors in later years as the Rusconi empire moved into film production and television.

But the pair are notable also for their differences. In the innocent, carefree years of Italy's post-war boom, Rusconi projected the image of the gentle-man publisher, a man of letters who stumbled into business through his intellectual, rather than financial, abilities. He was very much a man of his time, an establishment figure who threatened nobody ~ in stark contrast to the resolutely rebellious, burningly ambitious

Edilio Rusconi was born in Milan in 1916, graduated in litcrature from the city's Catholic University, and soon became involved in anti-Fascist intellectual circles. A promising writing career, which spanned reviews. newspaper articles and four novels, was abruptly interrupted when civil war broke out in Italy and he was deported to a prison camp in Dresden in

He escaped just a few days before the German city was firebombed by British and American planes, and returned to Milan in time to see his home town liberated on 25 April 1945. Already he was a celebritv. and when the publishing house Rizzoli decided to launch Oggi the following June, his writing talents and anti-Fascist credentials secured him the job of editor at the tender age

As his publishing career flourished, so his outlook on life vecred increasingly to the right. in 1946, just two months after Italy voted to abolish the monarchy, he daringly published a photograph of the exiled Savoy family and saw his readership shoot up as a resuit. Sweeping political changes had not on their own eradicated the popular appetite for royal glamour, and despite the fall of Fascism public opinion remained staunchly conservative. "People like what they don't have," was Rusconi's motto, and he enthusiastically pursued friendships with Popes, monarchists and even some neofascists.

By the 1970s, his stable included some 20 newspapers and weekly magazines and was poised to move into broadcasting, too. He produced Visconti's late film Conversation Piece. and bought two television stations, Antenna Nord and Italia Uno. But Rusconi was getting old and tired, and unable to compete with the likes of Berlusconi, who quickly took over Italia Uno for himself. In 1985 he retired, leaving the business in the hands of his son, Alberto, although he kept a watchful eye from a distance until the very end of his life.

Andrew Gumbel

Edilio Rusconi, journalist and publisher: born Milan 11 November 1916; died Milan 10 July



Neville Boden

The forms that the sculptor Neville Boden liked to place in his art resembled, often, a controlled ripple. Quentin Bell, writing an introduction to his one-person show at the Whitechapel Art Gallery in 1973, remarked: "It is as though Mr Boden were celebrating the union of a piece of sheet metal and a lily." To work for Bo-den, the raw material had to be capable of making a curved plane, edges kept crisp and surfaces smooth. Frequently the cut and cast forms were repeated, or striated with colour used to control the space and to contradict the priorities of scale.

Although Boden overlapped with the New Generation celebrated in the Sixties (and remembered for artists like Phillip King, Tim Scott and William Tucker), he identified more easily with the eccentricity and lighter touch of his teacher

Jack (John) Cade, English rebel leader, 1450; Desiderius Erasmus,

leader, 1430; Desiderus Elesnus, scholar, 1536; Jean Picard, as-tronomer, 1682; Titus Oates, impostor and conspirator, 1705; Alexander Hamilton, statesman,

1804; Henrik Arnold Thaulow

Wergeland, poet, 1845; Charlotte Elizabeth Tonna, writer, 1846; Robert

Stevenson, lighthouse engineer, 1850; Charles Stewart Rolls, aviator and au-

tomobile manufacturer, killed 1910; Gertrude Margaret Lowthian Bell,

traveller and archaeologist, 1926; Ferguson Wright Hume (Fergus Hume), novelist, 1932; Charles Frederick

Goldie, artist, 1947; Douglas Hyde,

poet, historian and first president of the Irish Republic, 1949; Joseph Jongen, composer, 1953; Mazo de la Roche, novelist, 1961; Kenneth More, actor, 1982. On this day: the

Armada set sail from Spain, 1588; Crimea was evacuated, 1856; Victo-ria Embankment, London, was opened by the Prince of Wales, 1870;

opened by the PTINGE OF VINDON, Britain took possession of Cyprus, 1878; Alfred Dreyfus was pardoned,

his sentence quashed, and he was re-stored to his regiment, 1906; 500 lives were lost when the Japanese battle-

ship Kawachi blew up in Tokuyama Bay, 1918; the musical Bitter Sweet

was first performed, 1929; the Anglo-

Soviet agreement was signed in Moscow, 1941; Thor Heyerdahl and

a crew of seven crossed the Atlantic from Morocco to Barbados in 57

days, using a papyrus boat, 1970; Sao

George Fullard. The aluminium work the Tate Gallery bought in 1970, Blow in Her Ear, was inspired by the wing-shape of an Assyrian relief which then travelled through the sensuality of feminine form. Its graceful lines re-emerged in clusters of arcs and waves in the hand-held reflective objects and jewellery Boden made in recent years.

Skill with welding and soldering was acquired during his apprenticeship as a boilermaker in Zimbabwe. When he left Africa at the age of 28, his employer at African Explosives and Chemical Industries Ltd recommended him as a "first-class craftsman" who also possessed outstanding qualities of leadership and determination. Three months later, in September 1958, he enrolled as a sculpture student at Chelsea. Boden's art began taking on a clarity and spatial focus which

was well established by the time he finished the Gregory Fellowship in Leeds in 1968.

Unusually, in Neville Bo-

den's case personal ambition was compatible with his admiration for the art of others which was insistently diverse, and often took the form of purchasing work (sometimes in combination with his equally discerning wife Zuleika Dobson) and championing reputations utterly unlike his own, from Mary Martin to Demis Creffield. Indeed in the mid-Sixties Boden was identified as the owner of the "erotic" picture Lovers and Romances by Stass Parakos shown at Leeds City Art Gallery which provoked a celebrated court case in the North

In the Seventies Boden took up a teaching career. He spent 15 years at the London College of Printing as Principal Lecturer tion course where his shrewd



in Media Studies and then another eight (until May this year), supposedly in retirement, at Chelsea, Camden School of Art, and finally Central St Martins and Kingston. These last assignments were in the prefoundation portfolio preparaand gentle encouragement were troduced to the area by the in particular demand. Artists, amongst them his sons, benefited from his confidence in their powers of creativity just as they cringed when he vociferously brought the range of his reading and museum-visiting into arguments.

During his term as President of the London Group, from 1973 to 1978, Neville Boden's professional championing was a special advantage when asking members - such as the painters John Bellany and Bert Irvin - to deliver their best works for the annual show (several of his own make up a special display in the current exhibition at Central St Martins on Southampton Row).

Towards the end of the Seventies Boden bought a small house in Andalusia, in a village called La Indiana on the plain below Ronda. He had been in-

artists Harry and Alma Thubron and himself contributed to the tradition of British artists working in the area, from Bomberg to the present. Drawings, large-scale and on prepared blue grounds, of the mountainous surroundings were exhibited in 1981 in a gallery in Ronda's Plaza de Toros, the opening attended by Neville Boden's Spanish neighbours, with whom he communicated as much by the warmth of his formidable presence as by his never-quite-mastered

Catherine Lampert Neville Colin Boden, artist and teacher: born Albert Town, South Africa 19 December 1929; married 1959 Helen McMurtrie (died 1972; two sons), 1974 Zuleika Dobson; died London 24 June

Births, Marriages & Deaths

BIRTHS

McQUEEN: To Andrew and Tania, on 10 July 1996, a daughter, Erin Rachel, a sister for Caitlin. MOSS: To Keren David and Laurence Moss, a daughter, Phoebe Catrin Moss, on 4 July 1996,

DEATHS

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DILLON: Terry, of Wrenhum. North Wales, and formerly Epsom. Surrey, dearly loved husband of Tima and father of Clare and Tim. Died after a short but very brave light against cancer at home on 9 July aged 54. A universally loved and respected man who will be profoundly missed. Service at 2pm on Mooday 15 July at Wresham crematorium. Family flowers only, donations to Nightingale House, Chester Road, Wrenham ILL11 23J.

PITT: On 9 July 1996 in bospital at Ox-

PITT: On 9 July 1996 in hospital at Oxford, William aged 52 years, befoved husband of Leonora and father of Magnus, Charles and Nicholas. A Magnus, Charles and Nicholas. A thanksgiving service will be held on Monday 5 August at 12 noon at 5t Mary's Church, Woolton, Woodstock, Oxfordshire, Donations to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, The Churchill Hospital, Headington, Oxford

ROYAL ENGAGEMENTS The Duke of Kent, President the Importal War Mu-ray. White Proceedings of the Management of the Aught-American Air Museum, Dus-ford, Cambraghadhur, The Duchess of Kent recurses an I-roomey Fellowskin trout the Royal Cadlege of Po-chattrick, Bergare Square, London SWI, Prince Bichael of Kent, Pro-sion the Royal Automobile Cish, pro-cents the Burton Formula I Grand From at Shee-

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Birthdays

Mr Alan Bamford, former Principal, Homerton College, Cambridge, 66; Mr Milton Berle, comedian, 88; Miss Chilli Bouchier, actress, 87; Mr John Bullock, former joint senior partner, Coopers & Lybrand, 63; Sir Alastair Burnet, broadcaster, 68; Mr Van Cilburn, pianist, 62; Mr Bill Mr Van Cilburn, pianist, 62; Mr Bill Cosby, comedian and actor, 59; Miss Annabel Croft, tennis player, 30; Lord Cuckney of Millbank, chairman, Orion Publishing Group, 71; Mr Gareth Edwards, rugby player, 49; Sir Arthur Hetherington, former chairman, British Gas, 85; Dom Philip Holdsworth, former Master of St Benet's Hall, Oxford, 75; Mr Thomas Illryd James, retired suggest 96; Mr Ilityd James, retired surgeon, 96; Mr Michael Kenward, science writer, 51; Mr Michael Gough Matthews, former director, Royal College of Mu-sic, 65; Mr Paul May, former deputy chairman, John Lewis Partnership, 89; Lord Quirk, linguistics authority, former president, British Academy, 76; Miss Jennifer Saunders, comedienne and actress, 38; Mr Robin Squire MP, Under-Secretary of State for Education, 52; Sir Harold Walker MP, 69; Mr Frank Windsor,

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Births: Josiah Wedgwood, potter, 1730; Thomas Guthrie, founder of "Ragged Schools", 1803; Claude Bernard, physiologist, 1813; Ludwig Molitor, composer, 1817; Henry David Thorean, author and natu-ralist, 1817; Edwin Longsden Long, painter, 1829; Karl Heinrich Barth, teacher and pianist, 1847; Sir William Osler, physician, 1849; George East-man, photographic ploneer, 1854; Anton Stepanovich Arensky, com-poser, 1861; Charles Cottet, landscape painter, 1863; Stefan George, Tome and Principe became inde-poet, 1868; Frederick Edwin Smith, pendent, 1975; Reed International

agreed to sell the Mirror Group newsfirst Earl of Birkenhead, statesman. 1872: Amedeo Modigliani, painter papers to Robert Maxwell's Pergaand sculptor, 1884; George Butter-worth, composer, 1885; Oscar Hamon Press, 1984. Today is the Feast Day of St Felix, Saints Hermagoras and Fortunatus, St Jason, St John Gualbert, St John Jones, St John the merstein II, lyricist and author, 1895; Kirsten Flagstad, operatic singer, 1895; Pablo Neruda (Neftali Ricar-do Reyes Basoalto), poet and diplo-mat, 1904; Yul Brynner (Youl Bryner), film actor, 1915. Deaths: Iberian, St Veronica.

Victoria and Albert Museum: Jean Schofield, "The Decoration of Floors and Walls II", 2.30pm. National Gallery: Alexander Sturgis, "Artists as Collectors (ii): Rembrandt as a Collector", 1pm.

Luncheons

Mr Phillip Oppenheim, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Company Affairs, was host at a inn-cheon held yesterday at Lancaster House, London SWI, in honour of a parliamentary delegation from

Appointments Mr David Walker, to be British High

Commissioner to the People's Republic of Bangladesh. Judge Jeremy Connor, to be a mem-ber of the Lord Chancellor's Advis-tory Committee on Legal Education and Conduct.

Synagogue services

Details of synagogue services to be held tomorrow may be obtained by telephoning the following. Sabbath begins in London at 9pm. United Synagogues: 0171-387-4300. Redera-tion of Synagogues: 0181-342-2263. Union of Liberal and Progressive Synagogues: 0171-580 1663. Relayar Synagogues: of Great Britishs 0181-349-4731. Spanish and Partiguese Jews. Congregation: 0171-289-2573. New London Synagogue (Masser0): 6171-323-1626.

Police; Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Auld, Mrs

Justice Ebsworth) 5 July 1996

The lawfulness or reasonableness of an administrative decision, such as a blanket ban on smoking in trains, which was not obviously invalid, could not be challenged by a defendant in criminal proceedings charged with its contraven-tion. He should instead apply for judicial review.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court dismissed Peter James Boddington's appeal by case stated against the decision of the stipendiary magistrate for East Sussex who, on 28 July 1995, found him guilty of smoking a cigarette in a carriage on a train where smoking was ex-pressly prohibited by the British Railways Board by a notice conspicuously exhibited to that effect.

David Pannick QC and Francis Jones (Kenwight & Lynch) for the appel-lant; Nicholas Ainley (CPS) for the

Lord Justice Auld Said the offence occurred on 5 November 1994 when the appellant was a passenger on a Network South Central train travelling be-tween Falmer and Brighton. The whole train had conspicuous notices prohibiting smokLAW REPORT

wholly owned subsidiary of British Railways Board, had introduced a policy on 1 January 1993 prohibiting smoking on all

The statutory basis for the prohibition was section 67(1) of the Transport Act 1962, as amended, which empowered the Board to

make bylows regulating the use and working of, and travel on, their railways... and in particular bylaws ... (c) with respect to the smoking of tobacco in railway carriages ...

Bylaw 20 of the Board's 1965 Bylaws provided: No person shall smoke . . in any . . . vehicle . . . where smoking is expressly prohibited by the Board by a notice exhibited in a conspicuous

position in such . . . vehicle . . .

Mr Boddington contended that the bylaw, as implement-ed by Network South Central, was ultra vires. Section 67 permitted regulation, not total prohibition, of smoking on trains, and in any case total prohibition was unreasonable. In Bugg v DPP [1993] QB 473, Woolf LI distinguished between challenges to substantive validity where the instrument founding the prosecution was

ing. Network South Central, a lenges to procedural validity. The former might be made as a defence in criminal proceedings: the latter could only be made by proceedings for judicial review.

Two questions of principle arose. First, did the entitlement to challenge the substantive validity of subordinate legislation in criminal proceedings extend to an administrative decision made pursuant to that subordinate legislation? Second, what was the proper mode of challenge to the substantive validity of subordinate legislation or an associated administrative decision which was not bad on

Normally a statutory power to regulate an activity did not without more include a power totally to prohibit it. Bylaw 20 did not prohibit smoking. It merely enabled the Board to enforce such no smoking policy as it decided, providing it exhibited the appropriate notices. There could, it seemed, be no complaint about the bylaw

itself. As to the policy of total prohibition, it could not be said that the decision in question was bad on its face. Mr Bod-"bad on its face", and chal- dington was not charged with

Court cannot rule on railway smoking ban smoking in contravention of a general policy; he was charged with smoking in a part of a train where the Board, by exhibiting a notice, had forbidden smoking. Second, and more importantly, even if the bylaw had expressly permitted the Board to communicate its prohibition in some more general way, sav by notices in the press or at train stations, the vires of such general prohibition, including questions of rationality and fairness as distinct from the bylaw itself, could not be left for individual determination in criminal proceedings as they

> To permit the criminal courts to embark on a wide-ranging examination as to the vires of administrative decisions not invalid on their face or, worse. as to their rationality, would be to beckon chaos.

> Accordingly, Mr Boddingsen was not entitled to challenge by way of defence in the criminal proceedings before the magistrate the substantive validity of the prohibition, either as a matter of construction of section 67 and bylaw 20, or as to whether it was irrational. The proper proceedings for their determination should have been by way of judicial

> > Paul Magrath, Barrister



Crusade that strikes at the heart of freedom

The prospect of two British directors of a Canadian company, Sir Patrick Sheehy and Rupert Pennant-Rea, being cuffed and fingerprinted at the John F Kennedy airport is, it has to be admitted, intriguing. Imagine: agents of the Immigration and Naturalisation Service storm Concorde, tear them away from their Louis Vuitton and haul the executives off to a Long Island court. That business leaders should be held directly responsible for the actions of their companies is a great novelty in this irresponsible business climate of ours. There would. too, be a certain irony in seeing the former editor of the Economist - a periodical noted for its American enthusiasms - arraigned before a federal judge for anti-Americanism.

That drama is not going to happen. The State Department has sent warning letters: all Mr Pennant-Rea needs to do is avoid holidaying in Orlando. But the humour quickly drains from the picture. What the Americans are proposire is not only high-handed, it is deeply confused. The Helms-Burton Act targets firms that occupy Cuban property nationalised after the Castro revolution in 1959. Signing it was not Bill Clinton's finest hour, for it flies in the face of international law and those principles of free trade that American politicians are so fond of lecturing everyone else about. What is proposed by the Americans is a kind of bullying. Never mind that

Sheehy's company has broken no Canadian or British or international law by its Cuban acquisition. Never mind the uproar that would greet the arrest at Heathrow of an American on the grounds that the United States permits funds to be raised for Irish terrorists.

Pupils in civics lessons used to be told that the theoretical reach of the British Parliament was untrammelled. It could even legislate to ban smoking in the waiting rooms of Calais gare maritime. The Helms-Burton Act is a similar form of nonsense. This is "extraterritoriality" with a vengeance.

The eagle's stretch has long been wide. The intelligence agencies of America the Superpower have always interested themselves in the trading activity of firms based overseas. But during the Cold War, other governments, including the British, signed up to rules proscribing the sale of arms and arms-related equipment to the Soviet Union and the other Communist powers. The Americans used their muscle, but did not ride roughshod over British sovereignty. Today American elbows are much in evidence over trade to the rogue states", including Iran and Iraq and North Korea but usually with the connivance of the British or Japanese or other governments.

Cuba is different. There is no global interest and very little relevance even to the national security of the US. Helms-Burton is about a shibboleth of Amer-



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ican domestic politics - being tough on Fidel. It should therefore not be seen as some concerted act of aggression against British interest. Indeed, the ill-judged and half-baked nature of the exercise is shown by its effect on Canada where there is now serious talk about counterlegislation allowing Canadian firms to sue the US government in Canadian courts - conjuring the prospect of mounties distraining on US embassy furniture in Ottawa.

The United States is risking damage to the fabric of world trade and investment for the sake of a fixation. Cuba is a more wart, a hemispheric disfig-

urement. Castro's neo-Stalinist regime staggers into a miserable dotage. There are practical and legal issues to do with who owned what in the days of General Batista. But none justifies Helms-Burton and its ham-fisted bid to impose American domestic priorities on foreign nationals by interfering so crudely with freedoms of trade and movement. Some sort of statute of limitations has to apply to an event - the Castro revolution - which took place nearly 40 years ago.

As legislation Helms-Burton may only be temporary. Republican dominance in the House of Representatives

may not last beyond November. Were Bill Clinton to win this autumn, it is entirely possible that come next spring, political circumstances would allow the repeal of this extraordinary piece of legislation. We hope.

For it must not become a precedent. If the Americans are saying the Cuban or any other government is not legitimate, that view has to be argued multilaterally. There is, sketchy in parts but surprisingly robust in others, a body of convention and treaty that makes up international law. The United States of America is one party to it, not its arbiter. Domestic political whim cannot just substitute for procedure and negotiation - especially as the axis of world trade turns on its new eastern pivot. (Contrast American trade policy towards Cuba and that other Communist country. China.) Americans have to observe the norm of reciprocity, too. How they would scream if other countries started prosecuting US-headquartered corporations for offences committed in third-party countries against, say, German or British or Spanish law.

The United States could seek to persuade its allies over Cuba. It has bilateral leverage, especially with countries like Britain that count as good and loyal friends. (The vigour of Ian Lang's speech last night should give the Americans pause for thought.) But to bend Britain, France or Canada to the American line demands higher grade

argument than the United States has supplied. The proper course of policy ought to have been: persuade those foreign governments to make it an offence to trade with Havana. Instead, the Americans have struck at the heart of the free enterprise system by seeking to dragoon commercial firms in a political crusade. Seeking to arrest or exclude Sir Patrick Sheehy is not only ridiculous, it is dangerously antagonistic to principles Americans ought to hold dear.

A match made in Heaven

The new edition of Hello! magazine, that weekly glossy gush, has sold out in hundreds of newsagents. What has caused the frenzy? Pictures of a svelte

British princess posing doe-eyed in exile?
Nope. The answer is the marriage pictures of one fat Englishman, known for his tendency to tears and his execrable taste in clothes. Yes, Gazza's wedding. But now comes the interesting part:

we learn that the people scurrying in to buy the magazine have been largely . male. Men are sneaking home with Hello! and a large box of tissues to gaze at romantic wedding pictures. Could it be that Gazza is going to teach the British male to blub?

• LETTERS TO THE EDITOR •

Respect for MPs at a historic low

Sir: Your paper has published a number of stories recently over what is seen as the decline and unpopularity of the Commons.
It does tend to be the case that

when a government is deeply unpopular, this feeling extends to Parliament itself, and even more so if there is a good deal of individual economic insecurity.
A report from the Commons

Procedure Committee in 1946 compared the atmosphere then and what its predecessors found in

Whereas previously the country as undergoing severe economic stress and there wa tendency to criticise all the institutions of government, including Parliament, the post-war committee found itself in a different situation. The report said: "The country has recently emerged from a war in which parliamentary activity was maintained and contributed in large measure to its successful prosecution. Consequently, there is not at the present time any strong or widespread desire for changes in the essential character of the institution. Indeed, the prestige of Parliament has probably never been higher."

In his The Power of Parliament Ronald Butt quoted John Strachey and Professor Joad writing in 1931; the two wrote: "Parliament is dying and dying discreditably ... nobody, except the professional parliamentarians, can sit through its languid and half-hearted proceedings and doubt it."

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That, incidentally, was part of the statement of Mosley's New Party before it went fascist. Indeed the truth, as many commentators have pointed out, is that there has hardly been a time (except in the immediate 1945 post-war period) when it was not said that

Parliament's prestige was low. The Commons has evolved over the centuries, and will no doubt continue to do so. A change of government after 17 or 18 years, and a large influx of new members, should help to improve matters, and this should be even more so if policies passed by Parliament are then seen as being in the interest of most people - as were the policies of the 1945 parliament. DAVID WINNICK MP (Walsall North, Labour) House of Commons London SWI

Sir. If this government and its party believe in the free market, their attitude to MPs' pay (reports, 11 July) is rather odd. The question must be asked: is there a shortage of people wishing to become MPs, that they need a pay rise to attract more? I think not.

If the Tory party believes they need more money to attract highercalibre candidates then who are we to argue? But not out of public funds. Local pay is the answer. Each MP could negotiate an element of local pay funded by their constituency party or association, on top of a national 2 per cent rise. ROGER HANCOCKS Worksop.

Nottinghamshire Sir: I understand that certain categories of staff in prestigious hotels, such as doormen, actually pay to be employed in that situation because of the "perks" associated with it. Given the many opportunities for "perks" attached boys - suggests main armed units



to the position of Member of Parliament ("Such a thing as a free lunch", 8 July) should we not ask candidates at the next general election to tender for their constituencies rather than bother the electorate with a ballot?

Sir: So MPs have decided that their pay should be brought in line with other incomes. Why is it that only an ineffective minority of them believe that this should apply also to state pensioners? G W ALDERTON. Helsby. Cheshire

Sir: I am a general practitioner about to start my third 14-hour day of the week, and this is before I work any nights, evenings or weekends. I wish I could have a vote about my pay. RICHARD SLOAN, Castleford, West Yorkshire

Peace in peril in Angola

Sir: We write as the UN Security Council yet again debates the fragile peace process in Angola. Full implementation of the agreements signed in Lusaka in November 1994 is, we hope, still possible, but is endangered by

Unita's prevarications. We fear that Unita is retaining a military option, and thus refusing to comply fully with the agreements it signed. The pace of quartering of Unita troops in reception camps is slower than agreed, and the quality -with many being old men or young

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are being held back. Weapons surrendered by Unita have been poor in quality, and there has been little sign of their known heavy weaponry, artillery and ground-toair missiles. At the same time, their control over diamond areas enables them to finance the resupply of their forces through air links from Zaire and elsewhere, by diamond deals in international markets such

as Antwerp and London. Existing UN sanctions - which ban arms supplies to Unita should be fully enforced, rather than just remaining on paper. Britain and other Western countries should collectively enforce laws against trading in stolen Angolan diamonds. The UN Security Council should empower UNAVEM forces (strengthened if necessary) to locate, identify, and ultimately seek the surrender of any Unita forces remaining outside the quartering areas, in breach of the Lusaka agreements. Peace in Angola can never be

secure if Unita refuse to demilitarise and become a political party with a stake in a government of unity and reconciliation. Action, not just words, is needed to ensure they finally abandon the military option they have used so destructively in the past. BOB HUGHES MP Chair, Action for Southern Africa MALCOLM HARPER Director, United Nations Association STAN NEWENS MEP President, Liberation PETER BRAYSHAW Co-chair, Mozambique Angola

London NI

Sir. The Government's plan to make cycling more popular is a good one (report, 11 July) but I hope it will not encourage the alarming habit of pavement cycling.

Cycling on the pavement is sensible for children. With the arrival of the mountain bike we have had to become used to belligerent, baseball-hatted teenagers belting past as we press ourselves to the wall or jump into the gutter. Recently a new and more threatening group have taken their bikes "off road". I now see middle-aged, middle-class people pedalling triumphantly amongst the pedestrians. They wear all sorts of safety gear. Luminous yellow bands so that elderly ladies won't trample them down and multicoloured crash hats to protect their heads should a small child end up

under their wheels. I have talked with several pavement cyclists. I point to the problems that might occur when a six-foot, thirteen-stone man riding at 25 miles an hour approaches an elderly person who might suddenly stop or change direction, but the only response is, "But I cycle carefully

when I'm on the pavement." All we pedestrians can do is to wear protective clothing and lights fore and aft, and make sure that, if we want to look in a shop window, we give a clear hand signal before we move across the pavement. Alternatively a stick shoved in the front spokes of a pavement cyclist could do a lot for the pedestrian

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(Fax: 0171-293 2056; e-mail: letters@independent.co.uk) Letters may be edited for length and clarity.

In fear of cyclists | side. Whatever we do, it had better be done quickly. I stepped out of my front door on to the pavement recently and narrowly avoided being knocked down by a young woman riding a 250cc motorcycle. COLIN WHEELER Farnham, Swrcy

Don't let the madmen win

Sir: I recently visited three primary schools, and put my daughter's name down for the nursery at one of them. A major factor in deciding which to choose was that I could open the school gate, walk across the playground and into the school building, and ask a young boy for directions to the head teacher's office. He was able to talk to me quite confidently, and was clearly proud to be helpful. He did not run away in fright or call for a teacher.

I do not want my daughter to attend a school where there are security devices on every door, and where children do not feel as safe as if they were in their own home. I want her to be able to get out of the building on her own if necessary, even at four years old.

The two other schools both had locks fitted on all external doors, with the catches at adult eye height. This means that the younger children would not be able to escape in the event of an emergency, and those outside would not be able to reach them without breaking a window. If we rush now to increase school security, then the madmen have won. Our children will be brought

up in a culture of fear, and will never be free from it.
After Dunblane I heard parents on the radio saying their children bad asked whether such a thing could happen at their school. For any child of primary age the answer has to be, "No, it will not happen to you." The risk of being wrong is far better than the cultivation of fear in every child in the country. CATHERINE YOUNG Luton, Bedfordshire

Lutyens' dream

Sir: I read with great interest Jonathan Glancey's article (9 July), proposing the completion of Lutyens' great scheme for the Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool, as a worthy Millennium Fund project. I am second to none in my

admiration for Sir Edwin's genius, and would recommend any lover of architecture to make pilgrimage to view the mighty fragment, the Crypt, which was completed. However as custodian of this, and of the Sixties Gibberd cathedral which succeeded it, I am mightily glad that the latter, with all its faults, and not Lutyens' impractical scheme, was brought to fulfilment.

Readers may like to know that visitors to the Lutyens crypt are always welcome, though access at present is tortuous and can only be in guided parties. It is one of our millennium projects greatly to improve public access to the crypt so as to make much better use of its majestic spaces. Mgr PETER COOKSON Administrator Metropolisan Cathedral of Chrisi the King Liverpool

Labour's tough fiscal rules

Sir: Gavyn Davies' description (8
July) of Labour's fiscal rules for
public borrowing is fair and
accurate. But in arguing that
Labour's fiscal objectives are less tough than those of the Government, he is being far too generous to the Chancellor of the

Labour is committed to ensuring that, on average over the economic cycle, public debt as a proportion of GDP remains at a stable and prudent level. Gavyn Davies contrasts this with the Conservatives' objective of a balanced budget and concludes

that the latter is tougher. But the Government's objective is not to balance the budget on average over the economic cycle. In fact, the Government's fiscal objective has been progressively weakened over the past decade. In 1988, it was to balance the budge every year. By 1991, it had slipped to balancing the budget on average over the cycle. By 1994, it had weakened again to balancing the budget in the medium term.

And now, as Gavyn Davies acknowledges, Kenneth Clarke's declared objective is merely to bring the PSBR back towards balance over the medium term" not on average over the cycle but in one year at its end.

The Government's fiscal objective says nothing about how much borrowing can occur in the meantime. Indeed, it is quite consistent with a rising ratio of debt to GDP, as current events confirm. Since the beginning of the current economic cycle in 1990, the PSBR has averaged 4.1 per cent a year. Last year's Red Book predicted that the PSBR would return to balance in the financial year 2000/2001. But even over the entire cycle 1990/91 to 2000/01, the Red Book shows that the PSBR would be an average 3 per cent of GDP a year -considerably higher than the average of 2 per cent a year which Gavyn Davies calculates would be needed to stabilise the debt-GDP

The latest Summer Economic Forecast has again revised upwards the Government's forecasts for public borrowing – and presumably put back the date at which the "medium term" and elusive balanced budget will arrive. But the Summer Forecast does reveal that the Government expects the ratio of gross public debt to GDP to rise from 36 per cent in 1990/91 to 56 per cent in 1997/98. Hardly a stable

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Colossal enigma

Sir: Your article on the origins of the computer (8 July) is headed by an incorrectly captioned photograph, purporting to show a Colossus, an early computer built at Bletchley Park in 1943.

The Colossus was over 2m high and 3m long, and weighed a tonne. What your photograph shows is an enigma machine, a portable German electromechanical coding machine (only about 34 x 28 x 15cm), widely used by the Germans during the last war. Colossus was built specifically to aid in the decrypting of Lorenz messages. which were based on a more sophisticated system than Enigma. Dr MARK BALDWIN Cleobury Mortimer. Worcestershire

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If I sat at home and someone won the Olympics in 10 seconds I'd regret it the rest of my life'

A week before the Olympic Games, Linford Christie speaks exclusively to Mike Rowbottom about the shape he's in

the defence of his Olympic 100m title just two weeks away, the uncomfortable question obtrudes: at 36, is his number finally up?

Since the most successful British athlete of his generation belatedly committed himself to the Olympics in Atlanta, he has spent almost as much time with his doctor as he has on the track. There is no more jittery period for an athlete than that immediately before a major championship, when every niggle or nagging pain assumes potentially devastating proportions in the competitor's mind. For Christic, however, the latest problems merely extend his year-long sequence of misfortunes with injury.

Christie is running in the full knowledge that his career is precarious. Having recently recovered from a groin strain. his present concern is with his hamstrings, the muscles behind the knees that tighten up painfully after races, Dr Hans-Muller Wolfhardt, the Munich specialist whose other patients include Sally Gunnell and the German football team, is keeping Christie in the running. But there are other, more deepseated fears.

cartilage on both his knees was so badly damaged that the only effective treatment was an operation. This season, specialists have advised him that he would not be able to recover from such treatment. "The day I need to be cut open is the day I should stop," he says.

If Christie were a car, he would be a vintage Rolls-Royce engine holding out but clutch and gears beginning to play up. After an uneasy pause, he takes

ge. as Linford on the image with some amuse-Christic is fond of ment. "When anything used to ment, "When anything used to go wrong with your car, they would repair it." he said. "Now what they do is replace it. I understand that little bits and pieces go wrong, but I don't need a complete overhaul.

"You can live with injury for a period. You can just go along. Pain is something you get accustomed to."

Defeat is also something Christie has had to become accustomed to in recent weeks. most notably by his training partner Frankie Fredericks, who is currently a metre ahead of anyone else in the world. In the circumstances, the recent utterances of the Olympic,

Christie, however, insisted ing with the media over the way that commercial pressures had not played a part, and that he had been undecided until the eleventh hour. "When I said I didn't want to go I meant it. I sat down and thought, 'Well osh, what have I got to prove?

Why do I need to go?' Among the factors that prompted him to change his mind, Christie numbered public support, lovalty to his longtime coach Ron Roddan, who, Christie felt, would leave the sport if he did, and a more stable relationship with the British Athletic Federation following his long-running dispute over his appearance fees which undermined most of last season.

'People see me as a bad boy or a rebel ... I'm a person who can pack stadiums'

European. Commonwealth and former world 100m champion have taken on the feel of a mantra: "I have won everything ... There is nothing to prove ... There is no pressure on me to win anything."

Since breaking down in tears on ITV's Sport In Question programme in June of last year, and saving he could not face defending his Olympic title - "I just can't take any more" - he has he would change his mind.

But most people, including his major rivals, believed he would be unable to resist one last hoorah if he was in any kind of shape, and when he announced his change of heart in time for the British entry deadline it was widely described as the worstkept secret in athletics. Cynical observers pointed to Christie's inclusion in pre-Olympic publicity material from his kit spon-

"It's a risk that in the end I had to take," he said. "It would have been easy to have sat at home. But then if someone won the Olympics in 10 seconds flat it would be something I'd regret for the rest of my life." No one has won an Olympic 100m running 10 seconds or slower since 1980.

increased the pressure on him, son has been far less stressful for him than last.

At least part of that detachment came in the wake of his mother's death a few days after his unexpected resolution not to defend his title in 1996. She had been in hospital at the time of the television appearance.

"I changed after my mother died," he said. "I woke up and smelled the coffee. It made me realise there was so much more to life than going round argu-

He is one of the greatest athletes this country has ever produced, and after 10 years at the highest level he knows exactly what he needs to do to get the best out of himself. "It would be nice to be running under 10 seconds, but it's not necessary right now," he said. "Once you've climbed

> buzz to go up Ben Nevis. "The problem is that when I go into a grand prix meeting the adrenaline is not there because it doesn't mean that much. It's great to win them all, but when you go to the Olympics you realise that these are the Games. That's when the adren-

Mount Everest it's not such a

I was being portrayed. I got a

lot of letters saying that I should

go to Atlanta, and in the end I

occurred - even if there were

several more arguments with

the media. And for all his cur-

rent difficulties, Christie has

grounds for hope in Atlanta.

A shift in attitude had

thought: why not?"

aline really starts flowing. "I believe I'm going to do very well. Extremely well. I'm not going out there to make up the numbers. Purgoing there to

One might think that delay- and mix it and that's what I'm hard for a long time to find ing such a decision would have best at. I enjoy standing on the someone suitable to train with. line and not knowing what's out of touch at all.

"I've beaten everybody apart from Frankie. He's run well and done his bit in making people think that he's The Man. But everyone has their own way of

preparing."
At which point another inevitable query arises. Since Christie began training with Fredericks last year, the 28year-old Namibian has discovered the form of his life - in the past 10 days he has beaten the seemingly invincible Michael Johnson over 200m and come within 0.01 second of the world 100m record of 9.85 seconds. Who, one wonders, is gaining most out of this partnership?

The same question was asked of Christie's friend and business partner Colin Jackson after the last Olympics when he was soundly beaten in the final by his Canadian training partner, Mark McKoy.

Christie's response is mag-nanimous. "The first week Frankie and I started training together I broke the world indoor 200m record. He never turned round and said any-

I will be as gracious to him as be complemented by his proven he was to me. I had struggled.

orld but now I feel as if I have got an ally." Fredericks's recent successes, he believes, are good for the sport. "The competitiveness is still there between us, but I

think sometimes you have got to be unselfish. It's good for sprinting to be taken to a new level, whether it's by me or by Frankie.' There is a possibility that

Christie will not have to worry about his friend when it comes to the 100m, as Fredericks is not yet decided on whether to double up in the sprints. "He hasn't said anything about it," Christie said. "He doesn't know what he wants to do. But he doesn't feel the programme is conducive to doing the 100 and 200. The three days gap between the events might look like a good thing, but it is actually going to make him very sore. It would be better to have

only a day's gap."

In the city that houses the world headquarters of Coca-Cola, Fredericks's more robust training partner - who has entered the 100m, 200m and the 100m relay – is seeking the

thing to me. He was still there, Real Thing. That energising and I'm still going to be there. motivation, Caristie knows, will

Linford Christie: To not going out there to make up the numbers. I'm going there to win

ability as a numer of rounds. Unlike the one-off races of the grand prix circuit, the 100m It's always been me against the in Atlanta will consist of four rounds over two days. One of the most impressive things about Christie's famous victories at the Olympics of 1992 and the world championships of me So this year is my legacy 1993 was the efficiency with which he negotiated such a sequence of challenges.

Those 1993 championships, he still feels, presented him with the greatest challenge he

pressure is bearing down in other directions - most notably on those young sprinters who will have to follow him.

"I think of this year as my last in international competition," planning to run maybe four or five races. The world championships don't really interest year. Whatever I leave behind the next British or European going to be pretty tough for them.

"People see me as a had boy

It would be totally uncanny if I decided to stop. My body would fall apart'

Atlanta. In defeating a field a star. I'm a person who can that included Carl Lewis, the Olympic 100m champion of 1984 and 1988 who had not made the US team for the 1992 Games, Christie made his point about the validity of his performance in Barcelona the previous year. "If I hadn't beaten Carl, people would have said my Olympic win was a fluke," Christie recalled. "That, for

But when he considers his

has ever faced - greater than or a rebel, but at the moment that which now faces him in the British Federation have got pack stadiums. Who's going to be there to race the Americans when I go? That is when real-

ity is going to set in." The reality of giving up com-petition is going to hit him just as hard, however. Christie loves the minutiae of athletics, the hard work, the banter. The idea of giving it all up scares him more than any opponent

"It would be totally uncanny

position now, he believes the if I just decided to stop." he said. "It wouldn't be good for . me. My body would fall apart."

He plans to train on in the same manner he has in the la few years, visiting Australia and Florida with his little group of Fredericks, the world 200m champion Merlene Ottey and young British runners such as Adrian Patrick.

It's the circle of life," be said. "Whether I like it or not. guy is going to follow, and it's I know I'm coming to the end of my career. Over the years. I've learned my event better than anyone else and I think I've a lot to give and to pass on to the sport.

For now, however, he has other things on his mind. Tonight's grand prix meeting at Crystal Palace marks his Olympic send-off by a home crowd. As he relishes the applause, he will be reflecting on one of the favourite savings of the national coach, Malcolm Arnold: "The difference between a good athlete and a great one is the ability to rise to

the occasion when it matters." Can Christic do it again? The odds are against it. But as the US sprinter Jon Drummond remarked to him after last month's 100m at the Paris grand prix, "One thing I can say to you is that your old ass can

about to explain about the

Today programme when he

felt that explaining it to a taxi

driver would be no more

hopeful than explaining it to

his wife. So he said he was tak-

ing it to his bike shop near Oxford Circus, and left it at

When he got out of the taxi at the BBC, he prepared to lock the bike up and then realised he hadn't got a lock. Trusting to luck, he went on

the programme and was humiliated when his Labour

MP counterpart revealed that

he had seen Jerry Coulterville arrive with his bike in a taxi. When he got outside again it

was raining and his bike had been stolen. Going to delical police station to report

it, he was knocked over by a police car and later that same

day found himself receiving

counselling from - guess

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Is it the end of the road for the cycling MP?

Story so far. Tory MP Jerry Coulterville, the "bicycling MP" has been invited by the BBC to appear on the "Today" programme to enthuse about the Government's new pro-bike policy. Unfortunately, he has acquired a false reputation as a bicycling expert and doesn't know anything about it. Even worse, he has said that he will bike from Richmond to Broadcasting House, off Oxford Circus, to do the broadcast, which is at 7.15 am.

"You'd better get the bicycle out tonight to make sure it's all right," said Mrs Coul-

terville.
Mrs Coulterville was intrigued by her husband's plan to cycle all the way in at rush hour, though only mildly intrigued. But then, she was only mildly intrigued by her husband's political career. Come to that, she was only mildly intrigued by her husband. She was much more interested in her own job, which was actually counselling people after accidents involv-

ing police cars.
"Absolutely," said Jerry

(Have you noticed that MPs are almost constitutionally incapable of saving plain Yes? Maybe it doesn't sound positive enough. Maybe that's why they always say Exactly or Precisely or Totally ... Sorry - I digress).

He got the bike out. It looked fine. He took it out for a spin. It felt bumpy. He looked down. It had a punc-

"It's got a puncture," he

"Mend it," said his wife. (Have you noticed that counsellors are often quite abrupt when they are off-duty? As if it is almost a relief to get away from being sympathetic? Is being off-hand good therapy for a counsellor? Will a counsellor be a better counsellor if he or she is very offensive the rest of the time?

Just a thought...) "It's years since I mended a puncture," said Jerry Coul-terville. "I'm not even sure that I've got a full puncture kit. Have we got any tyre levers? And if not, could I borrow some teaspoons ...?"

He could have spared him-



Miles Kington

self the breath. Mrs Coulterville was not listening. Not listening is another form of therapy for counsellors, no doubt. Sighing, he went off to locate the bike, the kit and the tea-

Half an hour later he seemed to have mended the puncture. But just to be on the safe side he phoned Tory Cen-tral Office Helpline, the one they keep open for emergency broadcasts.

T'm Jerry Coulterville," he said. "My problem is that ... "Are you a Tory MP?" said Tory Central Office Helpline.

"Of course I am!" said Jerry, feeling somewhat put out. "Look, I have to appear on the Today programme

cycling policy and I wondered if you had a spare bicycle." There was a burst of laugh-ter and the line went dead.

The next morning the alarm woke him at 4.30 am. For a moment he couldn't think why on earth he would want to wake so early. Then he remembered He jumped, or rather fell, out of bed, and got dressed. It was just getting light. He felt rather good at getting up so early. At 5 am he took the bike out on the road and noticed the puncture had

come back again.

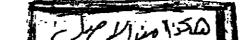
Oh no!" he groaned. "I
must have done it all wrong!" (In which he was quite wrong. He had actually by a miracle done it right. It was just that the glue he had used

was too old to stick any more.) There was only one thing to do. He phoned for a taxi.

"Had a puncture," he explained to the driver. "So we'll have to take the bike "What's the point of taking

a bike with a puncture?" said Jerry Coulterville was just No. quite wrong. He found himself receiving counselling from a lovely girl called

Yvonne Arthur, with whom he started having an affair three months later. But that is another and equally depress-



Is there an accountant in the House?

Now that MPs have awarded themselves a £9,000 pay rise, it"s time to check they are worth their salt

parties thought they were questions in the House. But by world wrong. So what should happen now? standards British politicians seem It is very simple. We need a retrospective productivity deal. Of course

it would have been better to have negotiated this in return for the increases in salaries, but now the deed is done we need to make sure that we get value for our money.

The first thing to be clear about is that the headline salaries are not the problem. Naturally, whenever people decide their own salary they attract criticism, as directors of public companies have found out. Since in the case of MPs the money has to come from taxpayers, the majority of whom earn less than the £34,085 they get now, let alone the £43,000 they voted themselves, the extra £9,000 is an additional transfer from poorer to richer people. But by professional or executive standards, even the higher figure is not out of line, as the review body concluded.

The second thing to be clear about of that overall quality of MPs is not the problem, either. These are decent people. To say that might seem politically incorrect, given the public perception of the way politicians conduct themselves - their drunkenness, their

Ps have gone and done it. The mistresses, their freebies, their willleaders of the three main ingness to trouser cheques for asking

models of propriety.

Compare with France, where a former prime minister. Pierre Beregovoy, committed suicide following allegations of corruption. Compare with politicians in Italy, Japan or the US, where hardly a week goes by without some further allegation of graft.

No, the problem is not too high pay, nor sleazy behaviour, but the fact that the work of MPs has not been subject to objective scrutiny. The revolution in the assessment of managerial and professional performance that has swept the world has passed Parliament entirely by. So the deal should be this: if politicians want to be paid professional salaries, their work should be subject to the same scrutiny as other professional workers. Here are five areas that need to be examined.

First, we don't know the optimal size for a constituency. The Isle of Wight has an electorate of just under 100,000. At the other end of the UK Orkney and Shetland have an electorate of 31,500. Most constituencies seem to have about 60,000-70,000 electors, but there has been no objective study as to salary level in the private sector. For whether this is appropriate, or example, MPs can draw up to £ 46,000



whether, say, 80,000-90,000 would be a better range. Are voters in the smaller constituencies more satisfied with their MP's performance." Or do the economies of scale of a larger constituency encourage a more profes-sional service? Here is an absolutely basic question - how many MPs do we need? We have not got the basic information on which to form an opinion. Maybe 651 MPs is the right number. But I suspect, objectively, it could be 450, or fewer. If a proper study were set in motion now, the constituency map could be redrawn in time for the next election after this one.

Second, we need to examine the support costs. One obvious example is the expenses MPs charge. At the moment allowances are far more liberal than they would be at a similar

for office costs. A number of them pay part of this to their wives or significant others. (Some subsequently marry their significant others, but we will let that pass.) Now imagine what would happen if a middle-ranking executive decided that he or she was going draw an allowance for someone in their own family. It would be unthinkable. Yet in politics this is standard practice. As a first step a firm of accountants ought to report on the costs of the whole support structure for MPs to

make sure the money, our money, is

heing spent properly.
Third, if the costs of the MPs backoffices are being scrutinised, so should their efficiency. There are an obvious series of practical measurements that any other service industry employs: response to constituents' queries would be one, satisfaction of constituents another. We could then see some league tables showing the best-performing MPs and the worst. Remember, we would not be assessing the quality of MPs' ideas - those are their own - but rather how well they perform their basic job. Fourth, we should look at the way

MPs spend their own time. Is it efficient to spend x hours in the chamber? How much time is spent actually working? Businesses spend a lot of

effort in trying to minimise the burden on expensive management time. Parliamentarians have hardly begun to

Finally, of course we need to look at the whole process of Parliament. Is it efficient, for example, to have people sitting there far into the night? Is it necessary to have question time every week? Does it legislate too much? Or too little? For many politicians the very idea that their output should be measured and assessed would seem ridiculous. Go back a generation and it would have seemed equally odd to doctors, school-teachers, or bank managers. But assessment has been the crucial tool in improving the quality of the service to the end user. Politicians cannot become bet-

ter performers without it. By normal management standards this is a pretty standard problem: a stodgy, underperforming division, which has not been sensitive to its customers opinions and which needs shaking up. The three party leaders have had their own views ignored. They agree among themselves. Now is the opportunity to step in and do what the top people in any half decent multinational would do: clear it up. And I suggest they take those five points above as starters.

unquestionable right to parade wherever they choose. The symbol of their

abused faith, demeaned, and in their

frustration, and finally, impatience, they lash out at a world they thought

The banners are blowing in the breeze this fine Twelfth morning, and

louder, the shouts more hoarse, and

my step picks up. I don't know why.

his fierce eyes at variance with an aura

of mechanical calm, as I wait, trem-bling, to endure the pseudo-Masonic

ceremony - chest exposed, vows taken,

congratulations bestowed - and emerge a member of my father's

lodge. (Was it Clifton Street? Yes. I think it was.) His shoes shiny and

oddly silent on the tiled floor, carry

immediately launches into a lecture.

welcomed them.

Orange.

think in these terms.

The X in sexuality

BOOK REVIEW

A Separate Creation (How Biology Makes us Gay) Chandler Burr Bantam Press, £16.99

if I gave her the wool, would she make me one too?" may be a weak joke but it nearly summarises gay men's mockery of crude attempts to explain their orientation. Devotees of the dominant mother theory can, however, take heart; scientific studies in America now suggest that mothers are responsible, after all, via a specific genetic variant on the X chromosome that they pass on to their sons.

In 1991 the neuroscientist

Simon LeVay claimed to have discovered a small cluster of cells in the hypothalamus of the human brain that was larger in straight men than in gay men ... thus science makes size queens of us all. From then on, the race was on in institutes across America to isolate the "gay gene". Chandler Burr charts the race with considerable skill. His elucidation of complex scientific theories is admirably clear, although he betrays his journalistic training in cheap descriptions (nearly all the scidescriptions (nearty all the scientists are defined by their hairstyles) and groundless gush ("They worked nights. They worked weekends").

Despite paying lip service to the opposition, Burr clearly accepts the view of the geneticists. To them, sexual orienta-

cists. To them, sexual orientation is part of our DNA and no more a matter of individual choice than right or left hand-edness. This will come as little surprise to gay people themselves who, with the exception of the political lesbians of the Sixues and Seventies, have rarely considered their sexuality a matter of choice. More contentious is whether it is so

I am looking my best, neat and tidy, my mother's pride. As we pass a Catholic area, somewhere at the top of the Crumlin Road, the music grows uniquely determined by genes. Experience shows that sexuality is subject to many forces beyond genetic determination, notably psychological influence and social construction, both of It just does. It's not as if I intend to insult the Other Side. I don't. I'm simply exercising my prerogative; it's a which Burr and his scientific sources ignore, dismissing knowledge running (scared) through my Protestant blood. Why shouldn't I? Freud and failing even to mention Foucault. Instead they sug-gest that there has been a con-It's life here. It's my history and my heritage. And my future: the future's stant number of homosexuals throughout history. This, as said, his voice low and distinct as a serany student of classical Gree or other gay-friendly culture pent's hiss. He emerges from the knows, is patently untrue. mahogany gloom in the cold hallway,

Burr claims that "an interiorly heterosexual person is not homosexual even in the midst of homosexual experience". He crucially ignores the vast amount of same-sex experience from those who identify as heterosexual and grossly underes-

y mother made me a homosex-ual ... "Oh good; pendently exclude acknowlies. There are constant attempts to identify human sexuality with that of animals. Human beings do not just have consciousness but self-consciousness; our behaviour cannot be equated with the mount or be mounted reaction of rats. There are major biochemical as well as social, emotional and intellectual distinctions.

The problem with the current theory is not that it is offensive but that it is unconvincing. Moreover, even should it prove to be true, it has no bearing whatsoever on individual morality or the exercise of

Many gays in America are seizing on the idea of a gay gene as if it somehow legitimises them. This, as Burr remarks, is absurd and even dangerous ... after all, cancer is genetic; does that make it good? Unlike the search for the gene for cystic fibrosis or Alzheimer's, there is no medical benefit to be gained from discovery. Homosexuality is no longer classed as a disease, except in the diseased minds of religious fundamentalists. Indeed, one might ask why there has been no attempt to locate the gene for religious fanaticism, which poses a far greater threat to society.

The suspicion that, for all their disavowals, the scientists are working to a political agenda is confirmed by the interest that the American army is taking in the gene's isolation. The irresponsibility of many of the scientists who consciously leave it to others to deal with the moral implications of their work is horrifying. Will the gays who now welcome the gene theory be so keen in a few years' time if it becomes possible to abort "gay" foetuses? And where does that leave the religious right who are both violently anti-abortion and

virulently anti-gay? Soon it will be possible for growth, skin tone, eye colour and weight all to be engineered in a process of unnatural deseion that leaves humankind literally and metaphorically working to a Californian blueprint. If the gene theory turns out to be true, such a homogenised, heterosexual future will be the inevitable conclusion. "O brave new world, that has such people in 't."

MICHAEL ARDITTI

King Billy and I

John Lyttle recalls the joys of a Shankill childhood on the Twelfth of July simplistic 19th century minds facing 20th century complexities. And they feel hard done by, pushed, forced to fight – forced to fight for their surely

·liked the huge banners, of course. They were my first exposure to art, or more precisely, to the look of art, though any child could recognise, and savour, their cartoon immediacy: the bad bald reproductions of King William of Orange – King Billy – crossing the Boyne, circa 1690, bewigged and handsome astrale his white steed; the ladies in shifts clinging to a rock amidst a stormy sea, eyes beseeching heaven, and a light appearing in the black sky above; the stirring scene of the Apprentice Boys closing the gates of Londonderry during the siege, ready to fight to the last man. And woman and child.

On the morning of the Twelfth, my maternal grandfather would make toast on a fork by the open grate and fill our sleepy heads with the Apprentice Boys' sacrifice: They were so ey ate the rats. But they did not bow the knee. 'No Surrender' they said and 'No Surrender' they meant. I even liked being dragged from my bed extra early, despite the morning of the Twelfth arriving hard on the heels of the Eleventh, Bonfire Night. The 24 hours before would be spent burning the Pope and various contemporary politicians, in effigy, on wasteland or in the middle of our narrow streets, atop small mountains of planks, crates and discarded settees (we'd search the back and sides for money and always find some) - the hard-earned detritus of working-class life on the Shankill Road, assembled months in advance, door-to-door, by us children, anticipating rare pleasure, celebration, community spirit.

We'd roast potatoes, boast of how our great grandmother ran guns for the UVF, swig Barr's American Cream Soda, and chant ("No Pope He. 2! Nor Holy Water! No Home Rule For Ireland!", "We are the People!", "Ulster Says No!", "Kill the Fenian Bastards!"). The adults would hover nearby, bright-eyed with drink, the tacitum men for once talkative and cheery, and the women, young and pretty but already running to fat, awash with unaccustomed colour, the reds, hot pinks and defiant whites prepared to compete, come the moment, with the lads' orange sashes.

Street life. Street theatre. Protestant

But as the bands, lodges and guilds gathered, some 50,000 to 80,000 strong, in a wearisome, always ill-executed wait, thanks to hangovers and what my father dismissed as "a peren-nial lack of brain power", what I liked most was the sound of the Lambeg drums. Complex, chattering, tribal rhythms, heavy, insistent and hyp-



The art of marching: after the Lambeg drums, the banners were the best thing

made the feet want to march. Primitive magic. I was literally moved. The sound and the spectacle: the

faces, mostly familiar, mostly female, waving Union Jacks, lining the route, aunts and sisters and cousins ("There's our John! Good on ya love!"), the police vans, the army Chieftains; the boys in the band wearing bright blue cardigans, twirling silver-capped batons high into the warm, sunny air, jaunty matching caps in place; the old men in grey suits, wearing bowler hats, white gloves and smug expressions.

I often wondered about those men.

I wonder still. I seldom, if ever, saw them on the Shankill but nevertheless these small businessmen, local coun-

cil members, Unionist small wigs - the polite but poisonously rigid middle-class - ran the Orange Order, at least until recently, when the desperate need to attract disenchanted youth a youth that once automatically joined. as their fathers and their fathers had before them - shifted the power demographics downmarket, and perhaps, in the direction of Drumcree (because youth loves excitement, action, their gobs on the evening news). But once the old grey men ran the Order, and, for a long time, ran Northern Ireland too, as if by divine right. From 1921 to 1972 the Six Counties had six Prime Ministers, all Unionist, all Orangemen, all patho-

logically certain that their allegiance to God, Crown and the Protestant Ascendancy meant they were ever special in English eyes, even after the civil rights marches of the Sixties, the clos-

the peace process being the time to think: that despite bomb, bullet and IRA ambush, the Nationalists have played the media better, that the RUC won't lay down their uniforms and join the last burrah, that even if John Major has to rely on Unionist votes in the Commons, the English political system still sees them as anachronisms -

mond, a clash between the Papist Defenders and Our Peep O' Day Boys? I shake my head again. Fein to the conference table.

The truth only seems to be penetrating now, an unexpected dividend of trating now, an unexpected dividend of why we march? My heart pounds as I seek an answer that will please. Too late. The old grey man tweaks my ear, hard, and leans his oily face into

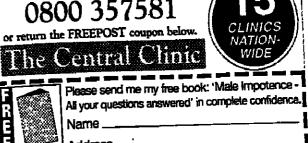
tells me to step back.

because we can. My ear hurts, but I hear: "Because we can." We are - well we were - the

him towards me. He looks like a teacher armoured in rationality and he Did I know the Order had adherents in Italy, Canada, Africa, America, South Africa, Scotland - and even Eire? I shake my head. He snorts. Did I know that the Order abhorred intolerance, embraced brotherhood, held out its red hand to Catholics, if they renounced their vile calling? No, I don't. He stares. Some sixth sense Was I aware that the Loyal Orange Institution of Ireland was formed 100 years after the Battle of Boyne, to commemorate the Battle of the Dia-THE SOLUTION. mine. "Sure, that's easy. We march

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notic, they made the legs twinge, C'est la Guerre – as the critics would say

or Sir Cameron Mackintosh it became a case of "nice party, shame about the show".

There could be no complaints about the £150,000 bash complete with firecaters, fairground entertainments, a roast boar on a spit and unlimited champagne in London's Bedford Square. But the morning after was not so kind to Britain's best-known supressario. He awoke to find that his 3.5m blockbuster Martin Guerre, arriving with 13m-worth of advance bookings and unlimited hype, had failed to set the critics alight.

"It's not magnifique but c'est le Guerre," punned the Daily Telegraph as their critic concluded that "the result is a terrible tendency to humourless portentousness in both music and script." Others were not so kind.

It may be little consolation to Sir Cameron, but as bad reviews go these are only minor examples of the genre. There is nothing to compare with a

Sir Cameron Mackintosh's new musical may have been slated, but it could have been far, far worse, says David Lister real honest-to-God stinker. It is an art-that her mildly irritated expression sug-

ing a critic's name and even, perversely, encouraging theatre-goers to see the show. It even provoked a book when Dame Diana Rigg published a collection of stinkers down the ages under the memorable title No Turn Unstoned. She knew what she was talking about. Her nude appearance in Ahelard and Eloise was described by an American critic thus: "Diana Rigg is built like a brick mausoleum with

insufficient flying buttresses." Of course, such reviews can increase one's eagerness to see the show. Who raped on the ground in Titus Andron-parable model of economy in the police protection. icus after the notice which remarked

form in itself, delighting readers, makravaged on Dunlopillo?

Some of the genre's bon mots have passed into theatrical history. Dorothy Parker's review of a play called The Lake in 1933 was the exquisitely bitchiest ever written: Go to the Martin Beck Theatre and watch Katherine Hepburn run the gamut of emotions from A to B."

The ultimate King Lear review was given at the end of the last century when a critic remarked that the leading actor "played the king as if someone else had already played the ace. But this was trumped by that incomreview of Isherwood's I Am A Cam-

There are ways of countering a

stinker. The most effective is to prove the critics wrong by trusting the public to back your judgement. Sir Cameron has done exactly this in the past. His production of Les Miserables was hammered when it opened in 1985. But the public loved it and it continues to draw crowds around the

And there are extreme measures that the victim of a stinker can take. Sadly, as a knight of the realm, Sir Cameron is unlikely to take a leaf out of the actor Steven Berkoff's book. When his Hamlet received a stinker from Nicholas De Jongh in the Guardian. Berkoff responded like a true aesthete. He threatened to kill him: a threat taken so seriously that the newspaper afforded De Jongh

And just occasionally the stinker See review, page 6, Section Two.

era which read in its totality: "Me no can come from the thespians themselves. WS Gilbert's stock phrase when visiting actors backstage was: "My dear fellow, good isn't the word!" A model of subtlety compared to Groucho Marx's "I didn't like the play but then I saw it under adverse con-

ditions - the curtain was up." One of my favourite unpublished theatrical stories is of Dame Maggie Smith when she starred in a flop by a well-known playwright. The playwright went backstage afterwards to chat to Dame Maggie; but she merely glared at him and refused to reply to any of his pleasantries. Eventually, trembling, he made his excuses saying: "I must go home now, I'm struggling with

At this Dame Maggie finally spoke. "AREN"T WE ALL!" she thundered magisterially as she closed the door on his shaking back.

Lloyd's offers £40m to end US opposition

Financial Editor

Lloyd's of London has bought off the opposition of US state securities regulators to the £3.1bn rescue of the insurance market with a £40m payment that will improve the offer to American members by 20 per

The announcement of a special deal for the 2,700 US names, who will now receive better treatment than their UK counterparts, is likely to outrage rebel names. They have been threatening to rock the boat

ahead of the market's crucial annual meeting on Monday.

The rebels include the Paying Names Action Group,

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which yesterday threatened to go to court for a judicial review of the rescue. The action group said, before the £40m special deal was announced that the existing Lloyd's rescue package discriminated

unfairly against names who had paid their losses in full. Christopher Stockwell, head of the last night was with US state se-Lloyd's Names Association Working Party, said: "The effect curities regulators operating through a body called the North of the package is a substantially American Securities Adminisbetter deal for the US names."

trators Association Co-ordi-Ron Sandler, chief executive of Lloyd's, said the market had been faced with a very unnating Committee. comfortable choice, because it

had a responsibility to treat members uniformly and fairly. He added: "We are very con-scious that we run the risk of criticism that we have given preferential treatment to one particular group of names. Having said that, we cannot ignore the actions taken by state officials." The agreement announced

securities in the US. In tense negotiations over the last 10 days, Lloyd's has agreed to pay up to £40m to the state

The securities regulators in bills to settle their losses at individual states had won a series of orders in US courts

blocking communication be-tween Lloyd's and its American members, arguing that the rescue plan involved the issue of paid from the market's future

regulators for them to distribute among US names, under a formula that the regulators will Equitas - the reinsurance comagree among themselves. pany that will take on the mar-The £40m represents 20 per

cent of the £200m that US ket's past losses – and "not to members of the market are take any action to prevent the carrently due to pay in "finality" implementation of the [Lloyd's] ment removes the final significant obstacle to the resolution of our past problems ... Our reconstruction plan".

The securities regulators in individual states must sign up to the deal by 1 am British sum-The money will come from a £300m syndicated loan agreed mertime on Sunday, or it will already between Lloyd's and its banks, and will ultimately be re-

Furthermore, the agreement will not take effect unless it is agreed by states representing at In return, the state securities regulators have agreed not to block the offers to US names, least 80 per cent of US Lloyd's names involved in the rescue. not to interfere in any way with The £40m will be reduced if not the US names' participation in all states sign up.

of Lloyd's, said: "This agree-

members in the United States will now be able to share in the benefits of the reconstruction plan on a comparable basis to

members elsewhere." Mr Sandler, challenged to ex-plain how comparability could be maintained after the extra £40m, said: "I don't believe there is any element of unfairness in the reconstruction and renewal offer."

Responding to the threat of David Rowland, chairman a judicial review, he said: "That avenue has always been open to

pains to see that everything that has been done meets the test of fairness and reasonableness.

The Lloyd's rescue plan was backed by the committee acting for the largest group of 3.00 litigating names, the Gooda Walker Action Group, whose chairman, Michael Deeny, acknowledged that "the settlement offer is at best rough justice, and some very rough jus-

tice indeed."
Gooda Walker names will receive £524m in the settlement, 97 per cent of their losses. Comment, page 23

High Court victory: Property company wins damages after judge decides local council lied about terms of a retail development

£48m award for Slough **Estates**

NIC CICUTTI

Slough Estates, the UK's largest industrial property company, was yesterday awarded £48m in damages by the High Court against a local council after a judge found the authority had lied about the terms of a big retail

Mr Justice May upheld a claim by Slough Estates that Welwyn and Hatfield district council amended and then deliberately kept secret the new terms of an agreement to develop The Gallerias shopping mall in Hatfield. The council did so knowing

that Slough Estates was then in the process of developing the Howard Centre, a separate site in nearby Welwyn Garden City. Had Slough Estates known

that the Hertfordshire council's sereement with a rival developer, Carroll Group, would be relaxed, as it secretly was in 1987. it would not have continued with its own plans. The judge said the council.

terest" in The Gallerias, knew public there would be "an uproar" and its intention was "to inthree Slough to continue with the Howard Centre". "From July 1987 onwards (the

council] was nursing a lie and had set itself a time bomb," Mr Justice May added.

His decision was yesterday welcomed by Sir Nigel Mobbs.

chairman of Slough Estates: We should be able to rely on what a local authority says it will do and [we] did just that. On discovering that [the council] had secretly gone back on its word, the only course available has been to pursue [it] through the

However, David Riddle, chief executive at Welwyn and Hatfield district council, said yesterday that the authority intended to appeal against the decision, adding that it had no money to pay Slough Estates.

courts.

The situation we are faced with results from a very large property company, with profits of £130m in the past two years, secking money from the local community." Mr Riddle said.

The company's victory is the second in less than a year. In August 1995. Slough won more than £7m in an out-of-court set tlement from Senior Engineer ing, an industrial boiler-making company, which admitted faults to two giant boilers it fitted at which had a "strong financial in- a trading estate in Slough.

The latest battle began in the that if the information became late 1980s, when Slough Estates hegan developing the Howard Centre, a 200,000 sq ft shopping mall, which included a multistorey car park and a bus station. The developer claimed in the High Court that before going ahead with its building programme, it carefully considered all potential threats from rival developments in the area.



Winner: Sir Nigel Mobbs, Slough Estates chairman, welcomed the court decision, but the council involved says it has no money to pay the award

One was The Gallerias in as an entertainment centre, al-decision aside. spanning the Al carriageway, on land owned by Welwyn and Hatfield district council. But Slough Estates was reassured by the council's publicly-stated policy on the "tenant mix agreement" (TMA) it had reached with The Galleria's developers.

This stated that The Gallerias would be developed primarily

concentrate on more traditional shopping facilities.

Both centres were built and opened within a year in 1990-91. Even before the Howard Centre opened, the council officially agreed to relax its TMA for 85,000 sq ft of The Gallerias. Slough Estates won a judicial review in 1991 to set the council's

Welwyn district council admitted that in 1987, a year before Slough agreed to build the Howard Centre, it had already secretly agreed a relaxation of

Slough then decided to sue. arguing that it was the victim of fraudulent misrepresentation.

Mr Riddle said: "The coun cil does not have £48m. I doubt we ever will have £48m and we can never satisfy this judg-

ment." Although the Departthe TMA for the same area of ment of the Environment has development at The Gallerias. said it is unwilling to help, the council cannot be made bankrupt. With an annual income of

entertainment ceitue, alg the Howard Centre to It was then that Hatfield and terday, Mr Justice May agreed.

In his 86-page judgement yes has about £2m in reserves and could not raise the full damages ness rates.

A council spokeswoman said vesterday that the council had received more than £11m from developers, paid in instalments, as a "capital sum" for the lease of land on which The Gallerias was built.

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Pressure mounts on Clarke to reform private funding scheme

MICHAEL HARRISON

Chancellor Kenneth Clarke came under renewed pressure yesterday to reform the Government's Private Finance Initiative after the Confederation of British Industry called for most small capital projects to be exempted from the scheme.

In a hard-hitting report the CBI said that, henceforth, no project costing less than £10m should have to seek PFI funding before being given the go-ahead.

This would simplify the PFI but it would almost certainly mean that the Treasury would miss its target of funding £14bn worth of public projects through the initiative by 1999.

The Government's private finance panel has identified 1,500 projects worth £27bn which could be financed through the PFI. However, of these only about 150 are valued at more than £10m.

larger infrastructure projects in the health, transport and environment sectors. Hundreds of small projects costing less than £10m, many of which are Department of Health schemes, would slip through the net, leaving them to be funded conventionally through the Government's capital expenditure

budget.
The CBI report also criticises the Government for abusing the PFI by using it as an excuse to cut back on capital spending when it was supposed to be additional.

Under the PFI, private contractors finance, build and run public sector schemes and then charge an annual fee or lease them back to the Government. But the CBI report warns that the future liabilities this creates for public spending need to be clearly accounted for.

It also calls for action to allocate risk better between public and private sectors and cut

Source: FT Information

tions are accepted, the PFI down on bidding times and costs would effectively be limited to - a bugbear of firms interested in taking on PFI projects.

Blair Turner, the CBI's director general, said: Business is frustrated at the waste of resources and low progress when sound PFI principles are not applied. Unless the PFI is better managed, it could fail to deliver the benefits available and fall short of the targets set, delaying key infrastructure projects."

Michael Jack, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, welcomed the report, saying it agreed with the CBI's main conclusions. However, he declined to say whether the Treasury would now introduce a cut-off point below which Whitehall departments no longer automatically had to test projects against

Mr Clarke is due to address a CBI conference on the PFI in London next Tuesday, when a fuller response is expected to vesterday's report.



Thumbs up: Michael Jack

Somerfield's £570m float target worries analysts

around £10m, the council only

PATRICK TOOHER

Somerfield, Britain's fifth largest supermarket chain, yes-terday tried to buck the increasingly tough new issues market by setting a flotation price at the top end of City estimates.

In its prospectus, Somerfield said it hopes to raise £540m-£570m from next month's proposed flotation at an indicative share price of 180p-190p.

Some analysts, concerned about Somerfield's position in the cut-throat food retail market, had expected the company to fetch as little as £480m. Confidence in the new issues

market was dented earlier this week when Monsoon, the fashion retailer, abandoned its float

But David Simon, Somer-field's chief executive, defended the proposed asking price. "We didn't arrive at the number in a vacuum. Somerfield is Economic view, page 26 endorses CBI report on PFI being floated at a sensible price

and a sensible yield." He added that the company had already seen 60 financial institutions. At the offer price the historic gross dividend yield is between 6.3 per cent and 5.9 per cent while the historic price-earnings ratio is between 8.1 and 8.5

The prospectus also revealed that Mr Simons stands to make up to £5.66m from the flotation under the terms of a previous bonus scheme. Mr Simons and five other directors are also being granted share options valued at up to £1.3m each at the offer price, or four times their annual salary. Mr Simons will also be granted options worth up to another £1.6m at the offer price under a separate long-

term incentive scheme. Some £192m of the flotation's proceeds will be paid to Somerfield Holdings to reduce its debt, regardless of the take-up rate of the offer. The remainder, after expenses, will be passed on to the previous hold-

expected to pay its senior creditors in full with the funds raised, Mr Simons said. Isosceles will be liquidated after Somerfield's flotation.

Mr Simons said there was no

chance of a successful litigation of the company from smaller, unpaid creditors. He also countered criticism that Somerfield depends too much on its store conversion programme for profits growth.

Somerfield, which operates 609 stores, plans to complete the rebranding of Gateway to the Somerfield format during 1997. The bulk of the company's profits growth comes from these modernised stores. Analysts have pointed to a

recent survey from research institute AGB of food retailers' market share, showing that Somerfield's has slipped 0.4 per cent in June compared with 1995, its lowest point for two

Energy share 5 proceeds fall short

MICHAEL HARRISON

The privatisation of British Energy is only set to raise around £1.5bn. after institutional investors were deterred from increasing their bids by worries over electricity prices and the latest shutdown of two of the company's eight reactors for

urgent safety repairs.
When the international book-building offer closes tonight, the shares are expected to be priced at below 230p. compared with the 180-280p range set by the Government and its advisers, BZW. This means that proceeds from the flotation may fall as much as £600m short of the Govern-

ment's original forecasts. The public offer closed on Wednesday two-and-a-half times subscribed with 610,000 applications for 440 million shares, compared with the 183 million initially set aside for private investors. As a result, the allocation to the public offer will rise from 30 per cent to around 50 per cent, including shares that investors can apply for in the retail tender.

The Government had hoped that the level of oversubscription in the public offer and the consequent clawing back of fer would produce a late rush of bids from institutions auxious to ensure they were allocated sufficient stock. But this has failed to materialise. The Government's advisers said the book had continued to build from day one of the international offer when it was fully covered at 200p-230p but the price would not go any higher

Amir Eilon of BZW rejected suggestions that the institutional response had been poor, saying: "We have had interest from high-quality institutions around the world.

Although the shutdowns of the Hinkley Point B reactor in Somerset and Hunterston B in Ayrshire for checks on faulty welds were not announced until after the public offer had closed at Wednesday lunchtime. the Government's advisers said there had not been a deluge of protest calls. "We were expecting a certain amount of response from private investors, but it has not materialised.

Together with the 5p count on the first instalment and the two dividends being paid in the first year, private investors are looking at a 22 per cent yield on the partly-paid shares.

Even with the extra allotment of shares to the public offer there will need to be a scaling down of allocations be-cause of the level of demand. The shares are due to start trading on Monday.

The two stations are expected to be closed for a fortnight, resulting in a £6m loss to British Energy. Both had already been running at half capacity because of repairs to the other reactors.

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Sir Bryan Carsberg joins Nynex board

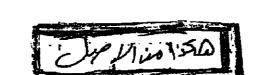
Fair Trading and the first Director-General of Oftel, has joined the board of the country's second largest cable operator. Nynex CableComms, writes Mathew Horsman.

The announcement marks the latest in a string of sometimes controversial appointments of senior regulators and politicians to the boards of companies formerly under their regulatory control. The best

Sir Bryan Carsberg, former by the Government of the director general at the Office of telecoms market.

Sir Bryan was instrumental in the early regulation of BT and its competitors, and was an activist director general at the OFT He is Secretary-General of the International Accountancy Standards Committee. He was knighted in 1989 and presented with the Bleau award in 1992 for his work in the field of telecommunications.

He joins Nynex at a crucial time for the cable industry, known example was Lord which is finally beginning to Young's move to Cable & Wire- make inroads against the less, following the liberalisation dominant player, BT





Case of a council cavalier with the community

of local authorities losing their shirts on financial and commercial engineering, so no one should be too surprised or upset at the addition of Welwyn Hatfield Council to the roll-call, except perhaps its unfortunate council taxpavers.

In the 1980s we had the notorious interest rate swaps deals entered into by a host of local authorities, most spectacularly Hammersmith and Fulham, which left a trail of losses in their wake estimated at £600m.

More recently, two other councils, Allerdale and Waltham Forest, almost came unstuck by guaranteeing commercial bank loans against property subsidiaries only to discover when the loans were called in that they had exceeded their authority. The courts ruled they need not pay.

Now we have the Welwyn Hatfield

episode which has resulted in the council being ordered to pay £48m in damages to Slough Estates for fraudulent misrepresentation. Slough agreed to build a shopping complex in Welwyn Garden City on the understanding that the mix of tenants in a rival development, the Gallerias, being built r few miles away would be strictly controlled. The council, however, secretly, relaxed the tenancy mix agreement without informing Slough, enabling the Gallerias to attract prime high street retailers.

Is Welwyn Hatfield repentant? Not a bit

The history books are littered with cases | Court ruling complaining that "a very large of local authorities losing their shirts on property development company with profits of £130m in the past two years is seeking money from the local community". Perhaps the council should have thought of the "community" when, according to the judge's summing up it set about a conscious policy of nursing a lie.

Even if the appeal goes against the coun-cil, it is not clear it will be able to pay out. As a statutory authority it cannot be wound up or made bankrupt. Nor can it turn to council taxpayers, as it is capped. Central government is meanwhile refusing to have anything to do with it. Since the council has just £2m of reserves, it looks like being a case

of "can't pay, won't pay".

But then neither did Hammersmith and Fulham or Allerdale and Waltham Forest. What the accountants and lawyers presently moving their partnerships offshore to escape angry litigants would give for such immunity. The moral of the story is that local councils and high finance do not mix but it seems the only way they can be taught a lesson that hurts is at the polling booths.

Trade imperialism is perhaps an issue on which it ill becomes us Brits to lecture the United States, for over the centuries we've practised quite a bit of it ourselves. None the less, what the US is now doing over of it. It intends to appeal against the High | Cuba, and threatening to do over Libya and

What has happened is this. The Clinton Administration is taking powers to act against any company, foreign included, which trades with countries it doesn't like. Now this might be a wild oversimplification of the position, but in essence that's it. The excuse is that Cuba, Iran and Libva have all at some point or other expropriated US assets. Until we get satisfaction, the US says, anyone who trades with these countries is "trafficking in confiscated US property" and

will be penalised accordingly.

What's brought this to a head is that the US has moved to ban from entry into the country executives of a Canadian mining company with interests in Cuba. It just so happens that this company is owned by BAT Industries. As a consequence, the executives affected include Sir Patrick Sheehy and Rupert Pennant-Rea. If they set foot in the US, they'll have the handcuffs clamped on them. EU interest in the matter has been heightened by the prospect of Iran and Libya being brought into the net. Few European countries have trading interests with Cuba, but Libva and Iran are a different matter.

The US needs to be given a bloody nose over this little escapade. On the logic used

and more particularly, President Clinton's campaign to win a second term of office. Getting tough on the Cubans and other for-eign "nasties" is all part of the game. If tear-ing up internationally accepted trade law is the price that needs to be paid for electoral advantage, so be it. Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade has already tried the path of reasoned persuasion. It hasn't worked. Time now for retaliation. He might start by ensuring that the forthcoming £2bn RAF order for maritime patrol craft is awarded to BAc, and cut Lockheed out of the action. Our friends in the Whitehouse might then get the message.

he management team at Somerfield I have done many wondrous things since chief executive David Simons came on board three years ago. But does this really justify the £570m price tag the company hopes to achieve when floated on the stock market, or the astonishing bonuses Mr Simons and others will receive once investors have coughed up the money?

Great play has been made of the company's impressive turnaround since Mr by the US, the Brits would arrest Bill Gates on his next visit to Britain because British assets in Russia, where he trades, were by the timely launch of Somerfield's Price one investors can safely ignore.

Iran, amounts to bully-boy tactics of the worse sort. It is also almost certainly illegal under international law.

expropriated at the time of the 1917 | Check campaign. The campaign helped change Somerfield's reputation for poor value and probably secured its survival value and probably secured its survival. albeit as the number five player - in a cutthroat market. What is all too easily forgotten, however, is that profits are still way below those achieved in the years prior to Mr Simons' arrival. Despite this, Mr Simons stands to get up to £5.66m under a previous honus scheme if the company is successfully floated. There is also the usual package of share options and long-term incentive schemes to keep management locked in and happy in their johs.

Progress from here on in looks like being struggled. Mr Simons insists like-for-like sales are growing, but feels unable to say by how much. Latest research suggests Somerfield is losing market share. More generally, it lacks the buying power and marketing clout of its larger peers. Sticking to town centre locations may prove wise in the long run. but renewed focus by the majors on smaller stores is both a threat to Somerfield's existing store base and provides fierce competition for anything new in the way of attrac-

But perhaps of most concern is Somer-field's image. If a superstore with a strong brand name like Sainsbury's can have such a difficult time of it, Somerfield, with a very young brand name, is going to it doubly so. It will have to run just to stand still. This is

Caledonian pulls float after Scottish TV offer

MATHEW HORSMAN

A pan-Scottish media conglomerate could be in the making, it emerged yesterday, as the ITV franchise Scottish Television said it had made an approach to buy Caledonian Publishing, owner of the Glasgow Herald and the Evening Times.

At least one other company is believed to have approached the Scottish publisher, with industry speculation centring on either the Daily Mail & General Trust, Tony O'Reilly's Independent Newspapers, Trinity International or even the Barclay brothers, owners of the

The approaches, which are believed to value Caledonian at about £120m, have forced the

Caledonian stressed yesterday that the approaches had not been solicited, and that the company had intended to proceed with the long-planned flotation.

Caledonian, whose chief executive Liam Kane is known. predictably, as "Citizen Kane", was bought by its managers and venture capitalists in 1992, for £70m. Investment banks Fleming's owns 57 per cent of

Mr Kane worked for Rupert Murdoch, including a stint as general manager of Today, before going to Sky Television. He left late in 1990, when it became clear he would have to report to Sam Chisholm, BSkyB's chief executive, and senior executive David Evans.

Analysts speculated yester-day that a bid for the whole of

the public offering. The flotation had been poorly timed, they added, coming on the heels of a profits warning at regional pub-lisher Midland, the start of a Scot-

tish cover-price war and a rights issue from Johnston Press to pay

for its acquisition of Emap's stable of regional newspapers. Scottish Television confirmed its interest during a day of meetings with media analysts and later issued a formal statement. Gus Macdonald, Scottish TV's chairman, said: "In discussions over recent months the managements of Scottish and Caledonian have identified many areas in which the quality and profitability of

hanced through combining the

their businesses could be en-

the £100m valuation expected via Grampian, the other ITV company north of the border. "A pan-Scottish media company would certainly make sense," one said.

A merger bringing together Scotlish, Caledonian and Grampian would be technically illegal under existing cross-ownership rules. Indeed, even the new Broadcasting Bill could make it extremely difficult for Scottish to take on Caledonian because of proposed ownership limits. Scottish could, however, have recourse to controversial "deadlocked" warehousing schemes.

Scottish TV's two main shareholders, Flextech and Mirror Group, are believed to have supported the approach to which owns 46 per cent of the Analysts immediately specu- Independent, has long champi-



company to put its flotation Caledonian would fetch a pre- lated that the merger could be oned the "collegiate" approach plans on hold. A source close to might of attleast 20 per cent over followed by a bid by Scottish for to newspaper publishing. -- Media mind: Gus Macdonald, Scottish IV's chairman (above), considers a Caledonian merger would boost profits

Drop in inflation leaves the way clear for another base rate cut

DIANE COYLE **Economics Editor**

A fall in headline inflation last month to its lowest rate for twoand-a-half years left the path clear for the Chancellor to cut interest rates again.

Inflation is likely to head lower for the next year, City economists concluded, even though June also brought the strongest increase in retail sales growth since the beginning of 1990.

In the latest evidence of a consumer boomlet, the growth of high street sales volumes picked up after several flat months.

The strongest sectors were those most closely linked to the housing market, such as china, DIY, furniture and household goods, according to the Confederation of British Industry's distributive trades survey.

It was the ninth successive increase in retail sales volumes reported in the survey.

The balance of retailers reporting higher rather than lower sales volumes increased to 45 per cent in June, the highest balance since January 1990.

It was only the second time in the past six months that retailers' expectations have been fulfilled. and they now expect a similar increase this month.

Motor traders reported their biggest sales increase since February 1994, mainly due to private

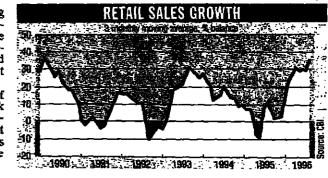
Despite the faster pace of activity on the high street, the headline rate of retail price inflation fell to 2.1 per cent, the lowest since December 1993, Lower housing costs, motoring costs and leisure goods contributed to the

The RPI less mortgage inter-est payments, the Government's latest possible election date target measure, was unchanged

at 2.8 per cent. The failure of the target measure to budge, which disap-

pointed some analysts, was "Obvious signs of rising mainly due to higher seasonal demand notwithstanding, another slight fall in the headline food prices. The colder than usual summer has delayed new crops, while the beef crisis and ing a cut in interest rates," said Geoffrey Dicks of NatWest a burgeoning Japanese taste for pork have raised meat prices.

Markets. But Ian Beauchamp, chief economist at investment bank Hambros said: "There is no ecomeans many economists think nomic case for a cut in interest rates. The political case depends on the risk of having to reverse a cut before the election."



IN BRIEF

 Ibstock, the building materials firm, announced it was ready to dispose of six of its brick plants to avoid a referral to the Mo-nopolies and Mergers Commission of its £160m bid for the UK brick-making business of its rival, Redland. The company acted after Ian Lang. President of the Board of Trade, said a referral was imminent unless "suitable undertakings were given to remove competition concerns". His decision, made after discussions with the Office of Fair Trading, still threatens Ibstock's hopes of over-taking Hanson, which has 31 per cent of market share, and becoming the UK's largest brick-maker. Ibstock's share of the UK market would drop back from about 35 to 30 per cent after the disposals. Redland will pay Ibstock up to £12.5m, depending on the proceeds of the sales.

 CrestCo, the Bank of England-led group developing the Crest computerised share registration system, received its last formal authorisation in preparation for the start of its operations next Monday. The Securities and Investments Board has formally approved CrestCo to record and transfer the ownership of shares without paper certificates.

 Barratt Developments said its sales of new homes climbed
 per cent to more than 7,000 in the year to the end of June. The latest figures follow Barratt's recent announcement that it was creating three new house-building divisions as part of its "Growth Plan" to increase production to 11,000 homes a year. "Since [1993] we have increased our new house sales by over 40 per cent, our UK house-building turnover by more than 60 per cent, and progressively increased our market share," said the chief executive Frank Eaton.

• Marks & Spencer did get the balance of its fashions in womenswear wrong in its last financial year to 31 March, conceded the chairman, Sir Richard Greenbury, at the company's annual general meeting. Replying to a shareholder's question, Sir Richard said there had been some "grains of truth" in criticisms concerning Marks & Spencer's womenswear ranges. "There has been some evidence ... where we have got the balance of range wrong and have probably been too fashion-led," he said. Sir Richard told shareholders that total UK store sales in the first quarter were up 8.6 per cent from a year earlier.

BAA's seven UK airports handled 8.9 million passengers in Jille, up 4.4 per cent from a year earlier. Traffic on both European scheduled and North Atlantic routes rose by 6 per cent, long haul traffic and UK domestic traffic increased by 8 per cent but European charter traffic fell 10 per cent.

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National Express set for 'test case'

PATRICK TOOHER

Coach operator National Express is prepared to face a Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry into its proposed takeover of the Midland main line rail franchise rather than drop bus services on five parallel routes, as recommended by the Office of Pair Trading.

"This is a major public interest debate. Taking it to the MMC is the best way to get it aired," said a source close to the company. "If National Express rolls over on this, then it may act as a major deterrent for future rail franchise bids. This is a test case."

The increasingly hard line stance being taken by National Express follows Trade Secretary Ian Lang's decision last month to refer the deal to the MMC unless National Express gave undertakings to remove "competition concerns" arising from

Mr Lang told National Ex-

value

erations on "point-to-point" journeys between London and Derby, Leicester, Sheffield, Chesterfield and Nottingham The Midland main line runs parallel InterCity services between London and South Yorkshire and the East Midlands.

Third parties had until yesterday evening to make their views known to John Bridgeman. director-general of the OFT, about how appropriate these

National Express insists it has made no final decision about going to the MMC and it remains in talks with the OFI "We are optimistic about reaching an agreement on those five routes that is both satisfactory to the OFT and to us, both operationally and commercially," said the finance director Colin Child.

Shares in National Express, which also runs the Gatwick Express rail franchise and two regional airports, have fallen 35p to 468p since Mr Lang's anpress to withdraw its coach op- nouncement a fortnight ago.

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Why it's OK to change the rules

ROGER TRAPP

Children have long been used to taking their ball away if a game is not going as well as they would like. Now, it seems, business can do much the same. Academics Barry Nalebuff

The prospect of declining in-

Mr Clarke might opt for another quarter-point reduction in base

and Adam Brandenburger argue that in the modern fast-moving world changing the players, the rules, the boundaries - or even the game itself - is perfectly un-derstandable. It does not even have to be at the expense of others. Thanks to a concept they dub "co-operation", everybody can be a winner.

The roots of this notion which is an amalgam of co-operation and competition - lie in "game theory", a concept that is said to provide insights into the way people behave when con-

or when subjected to pressures. Mr Nalebuff, a professor at Yale, and Mr Brandenburger, a professor at Harvard Business School, in their just published book, also called Co-opetition. say the value of the approach to business is that "it focuses directly on the most pressing issue of all: finding the right strategies and making the right decisions". Plenty of books look at creating the right environments for making decisions and others concentrate on how to implement decisions, but they believe there is "still a need for guidance in identifying the right

strategy to begin with". However different their aims may be, the execution is familiar. Early on is a diagram illustrating a basic hypothesis; in this case, the "Value Net", which introfronted with a range of options, duces another new word, "com-

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petitors, customers nor suppliers. The idea is that each situation has components that can be adjusted to enable companies to break out of the traditional win or lose mind-sets. It does happen, particularly in hi-tech fields, where Intel, for instance, benefits from the success of Microsoft. Even mature industries are seeing co-operation agreements, like the oil additives tie-up just announced by old adversaries Shell and Exxon, as the way

who are neither exclusively com-

plementors", to describe people ahead. But it is difficult to escape the conclusion that for some the metaphors of war and the play ing field will continue to hold sway. It is all very well to suggest that financier Bernard Baruch's remark, "You don't have to blow out the other fellow's light to let your own shine", is more pertinent than Gore Vidal's "It is not enough to succeed. Others must fail", because the former made more money. But is Richard Branson ever going to sit on the board of British Airways?

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A catalogue of problems at GUS

THE INVESTMENT COLUMN

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Great Universal Stores has been slowly attempting to shed its image as the slumbering giant of the retailing sector. Last year it forked out some of its prodigious cash pile on a £302m special dividend to shareholders. Then in December, the share price was electriffed by the announcement that Lord Wolfson of Sunningdale, one of the two men credited with transforming the fortunes of Next, would in September take over as GUS chairman from his cousin, Lord Wolfson of Marvlebone.

Sadly, however, these signs of dynamism at board level were belied by yesterday's figures for the year to March. Pre-tax profits up 3 per cent to £581m were at the upper end of the range indicated at the time of a profits warning in May, but stripping out one-offs the performance was pretty flat.

GUS's discomfort was increased by signs that it is failing to cash in on the current revival in high street spending. Its warning that sales and profits have been level in the three months since March contrasted sharply with the 8.6 per cent like-for-like sales increase for the same period reported by Marks & Spencer vesterday. GUS's shares

duly sank 29p to 643p.
The main problem lies in the huge mail order division, which includes the Great Universal, Kays and Marshall Ward brands, Profits sank from £251m to £23om, hit by a stock write-off on clothing, which knocked half a per-centage point off margins. GUS does not seem to have been able to shift its womenswear ranges last summer and was at a loss to explain its failure, apart from the rather limp excuse of the hot weather at the time.

The real root of GUS's difficulties lies in the overcapacity which plagues the traditional agency catalogue business in the UK. The group's 38 per cent share gives it a leading position, but the market is flat or declining and monopoly considerations mean GUS cannot acquire any of its four big rivals. It has been seeking for some time to spend some of its £1.1bn cash mountain on a big Continental mail order business, such as La Redoute of France, but has been rebuffed so far.

All this is not to say that Lord Wolfson the younger faces a lost cause. Socalled direct mail order, which avoids agents, is still booming. Eight per cent of GUS's business comes this way via Marshall Ward and a new brand is being contemplated.

GUS also has some decent businesses tucked away. The General Guarantee Corporation, a provider of motor finance, raised its lean book by £100m to £15n last year, while profits rose by a fifth. There was similar growth at the CCN credit card processor and marketing services provider. continuing a three to four-year record. Stripped of exceptionals, profits could just top £600m in the current

vear, putting the shares on a forward multiple of 16. The new chairman will have to work hard to justify that rating, but he knows the business well. Worth holding on for the ride.

First Choice not out of the woods

These are straitened times for Francis Baron, the flamboyant chief executive of First Choice, Britain's third largest tour operator. Gone are the bikini-clad girls and general razzmatazz that greeted his arrival and First Choice's rebranding three years ago.

"The watchword is caution for this vear." Mr Baron warned yesterday as First Choice unveiled narrowed losses in the seasonally weak first half. The pre-tax deficit was £23.4m in the six months to April, down from £23.8m before, although the latest period included a maiden £5m profits contribution from SkiBound, the skiing holiday operator acquired last year.

As ever, the key to the year's outcome depends on what is happening now. Last year, instead of the late rush to get away that took place in previous, recessionhit years, business during the peak selling season fell off a cliff.

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The long hot summer in Britain, a

Great Universal Stores: at a glance

Market value: £6,47bn, share price 643p

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Share price

weak pound and higher levels of personal taxation can all be blamed. But longer term, structural changes are also at work. For example early bookings, which do wonders for tour operators cash flow, are increasingly a fond memory as job insecurity grows.

Having accompanied last October's £44m rights issue at 60p with a prof-its warning, First Choice is clearly not yet out of the woods. Canada, where much of the rights issue money is being spent, is suffering from an airline price war.

Closer to home, capacity has been cut by a tenth and prices on a standard package holiday raised by £60, or 25 per cent, to protect margins. The flip ide is that market share had fallen from 13 per cent 12.3 per cent by the end of May, airline profitability is under pressure and bookings for the key summer season are down 9 per cent on last vear.

Last week's decision by rival Airtours to break ranks and publish its summer brochure for next year - the earliest summer launch ever - forced First Choice to bring forward its own. The travel group also has the unwelcome problem that the Thomson-owned Lunn Poly chain, the UK's biggest travel agent, has decided not to sell its holidays for next winter and summer.

Analysts are therefore concerned that First Choice may struggle to

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make the £16m profits needed to cover a maintained dividend of 3.75p without dipping into reserves. To reach that level, they say second-half profits in the UK and Ireland would have to more than double to almost £40m, compared with the same period last year. In the current adverse climate that seems unlikely. The shares, down down 9p at 68p, are best given a wide

Housing revival helps Colefax

Colefax & Fowler has not had a happy time on the stock market since its launch at 125p a share eight years ago. Even after vesterday's 3p rise to 74p. the upmarket fabrics and wallpaper group still languishes at less than half its original placing price. Profits have never again attained the £4m they peaked at in 1989/90. Costs at the group ran ahead of the market for its expensive products, which retail at anything between £15 and £45 a metre, and they were left horribly exposed in the recession of the early 1990s.

But management, led by chief executive David Green, brother of Carlton's Michael Green, has made a decent fist of digging the company out the hole it was in. The bottom line has grown steadily since Colefax reported losses of £396,000 in 1993 and yesterday it reported a further 20 per cent rise to £1.84m for the year to April.

Costs provided much of the story last year. Although turnover barely moved, rising just 2 per cent to £38.9m, Colefax did well to peg operating expenses at £17.5m. The group was able to shrink its US warehousing operation by com-bining distribution for the businesses on both sides of the Atlantic in the UK. With distribution still running at 60 per cent of potential capacity. Mr Green is confident he can still grow the business without further cost.

That is lucky, because top line growth should be the dominant theme of the current year. Boosted by the improving housing market at home and more economic confidence across the pond, Colefax has seen a distinct improvement in the climate since March. Sales growth in both markets is currently running at between 12 and 13 per cent and this strength in the core business should be boosted by other developments. The group is now plan-ning to start up in Germany, after a successful first 18 months in France, and is contemplating the launch of a new brand situated in the price bracket between the mid-market Jane Churchill and upmarket Colefax and

Fowler ranges.
Profits of £2.4m this year would put the shares on a prospective multiple of 10. Good value.

Smiles all round as the Bank welcomes Mandela

CITY DIARY

JOHN WILLCOCK

President Nelson Mandela received a huge round of ap-plause by Bank of England staff as he strode into the Threadneedle Street offices yesterday morning for a working breakfast.

The meeting with top Bank executives, senior industrialists and commercial bankers was officially held to hear the President's views on South Africa's political and economic situation first-hand. Unofficially, as the President passed into the open Garden Court on the way to the Governor's office, a crowd of Bank staff gave him a spontaneous and vocal welcome.

In another unscripted moment one of the Bank's cleaning ladies nipped for-wards and asked for the President's antograph. President Mandela stopped to chat and signed her book.

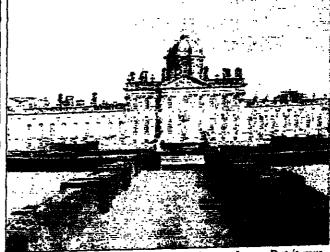
As a sign of the times, the welcome was equally warm from the businessmen, which included Barclays' chief executive Martin Taylor. Mr Taylor. of course, had not yet joined Barclays when the bank was embroiled in a long battle with students who wanted it to cut its links with the apartheid

Yesterday's events would suggest that Barclays and the other clearers must be on the brink of going back to South Africa in a big way.

Is Hillary Clinton left-handed? If you know the answer, please phone George Mathewson, chief executive of Royal Bank of Scotland immediately.

Yesterday afternoon at 1,20 we received a press release from Royal Bank which declared: "Roval Bank customers who, in common with US President Bill Clinton, First Lady Hillary Clinton. James Callaghan and Roy Jenkins, are left-handed, will be able to write their cheques with ease using the bank's specially adapted left-hand cheque books."

Twenty-seven minutes later we received a revised version, with a note on the front. The only alteration is the removal of First Lady Hillary Clinton as it has not been confirmed



The future is Orange, as the mobile phone ads say. But it may be slightly further in the future due to problems Orange is facing over planning permission for new transmission mans Ryedale District Council has just refused permission for an Orange must near Castle Howard (above), the stately pile featured in the TV version of Brideshead Revisited, because it thinks the masts are ugly. Orange phones cannot be used in places like Scarborough and Whithy without such local masts.

The council has appointed a telecommunications district working party, headed by Selina Scott's father Charles Scott. to deal with the company. Mr Scott, a retired police sergeant from Appleton-le-Moors, is worried that in other parts of the country the unsightly masts have been "popping up every-where". Not in Yorkshire they won't.

that she is left-handed." Does anyone know?

A bit of a bumpy start at the flotation press conference for David Simons' Somerfield, the revamped Gateway group. When a journalist innocently requested a prospectus mass consternation took hold as it emerged that even the people on the platform didn't have copies. A pile of them was unearthed and duly distributed.

more damaging, analysts had not received any Somerfield prospectuses by the close of trading yesterday afternoon. One analyst preparing his note on the float muttered:

What's more, and probably

This is further evidence that its all been cobbled together at the last minute." A significant number of Euro-

sceptics from the City establishment are about to reveal themselves as parliamentary candidates for Sir James Goldsmith's Referendum Party.

Perhaps they are piqueo at seeing so many of their venerable merchant banks being snapped up by the likes of Deutsche Bank and Dresdaer. not to mention the Dutch post office, ING. An added bonus for such candidates would be the prospect of conferences with Sir James in his plush farm in Mexico, where the great British patriot spends

most his time. The attitudes the Eurosceptics are so hostile to were illustrated recently when a very, very important German banker bought a newspaper at Heathrow on the way to a London meeting.

Being a staunch enemy of inflation, the banker's eve was caught by the paper's headline: House prices rise - good news for Britain!" Recalling this over lunch with his City hosts, he pounded the table and declared: "In Germany the headline vould be: 'House prices rise – bad news for German, 2 And a jolly good thing too.

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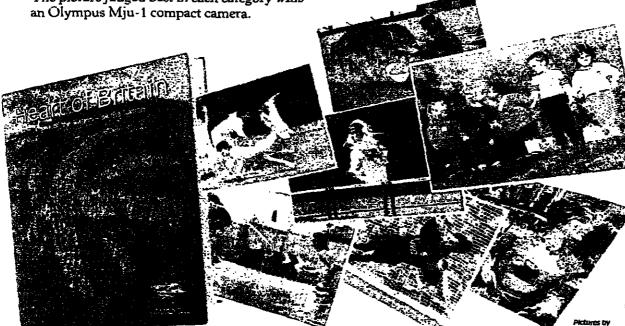
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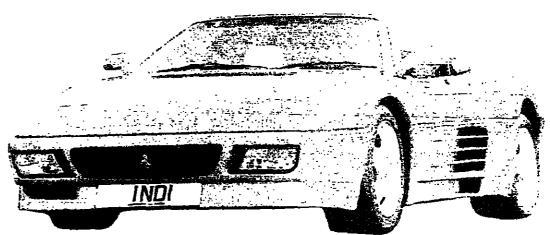
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Beer shares were in a ferment Scottish, the present Inntreas Grand Metropolitan, which brewed its last pint five years

ago, threatened an industry The food and drink group rose 5p to 442p in busy trading. The stock market was excited by moves by Innuepreneur, the pubs chain, to wriggle out of commitments

given when it was formed. Grandmet owns 50 per cent of the controversial pubs estate and could be a major beneficiary from any relaxation of the undertakings. Inntrepreneur, it is thought, wants to get more deeply involved in managed pubs and retain the beer tic which is due to end in 1998.

If Inntrepreneur's estate remains tied, presumably to a brewer of the company's choice, it would end hopes of a free-for-all among the major groups to sell beer to the

Bass fell 13p to 822p and

preneur supplier, 10p to 656p. Allied Domecq, which hopes to abandon brewing, fell to 439p,

lowest for five years. The pub move comes only days after it was disclosed that Guinness had at least pondered mounting a hostile £13,2bn bid for Grandmet. Although the possibility of such a development is now presum-ably dead there is a sneaking suspicion Grandmet could soon be engulfed in corporate

Once a takeover is signalled, even remotely, there is, it is fell, often a distinct possibility of bid action breaking out with others, alerted by the sudden display of interest, moving in. Grandmet has been the subject of speculation for months with talk of US leveraged

break-up bids going the If Inntrepreneur should re-tain the beer tie, which would

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idence of US selling, the shares

fell 2p to 167p as more in-

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demerger. In two days Seaq

volume has been 69 million

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aloof from the conglomerate

carnage, up 4p at 269p. A large US buyer caught the

market on the hop over Im-

perial Chemical Industries,

pushing the shares 14p higher to 812p after recent weakness.

225p as the debate continued

whether its merger with Vari-

ty, the US car parts group, will be completed. The finger was

pointed at GKN, up 8p at

1,041p, as the interventionist.

Orange fell Sp to a 196p low

Lucas Industries rose 5p to

allow it to wring better terms from suppliers, the company could quickly be made suitable for a flotation. Grandmet would no doubt be a willing seller, it has distanced itself from the pubs estate as controversy has intensified about the structure of the company and its relationship with its

The rest of the market was in positive territory until New York opened and promptly slumped as Hewlett-Packard devastated hi-tech stocks with a profit warning.

Even before the Wall Street collapse poor old Hanson was again feeling the pinch. In heavy turnover, with strong evwith overseas selling seemingly apparent. On the IG index grey market British Energy was traded at 104p to 108p against

up to 117p earlier this week. Biotech shares faced re-newed uncertainty with British Biotech perilously close to its rights price. The shares fell 45p to 2,085p with the nil paid rights almost halving to 36p. The cash call is at 2,050p.

Asda gained 1p to 120p as consultants AGB Research said it was gaining market share with Somerfield, coming to market at between 180p and 190p, losing ground. East Midland Electricity

edged ahead 3p to 573p as bid hopes flickered faintly and British Gas rose 2p to 187.5p with Société Générale Strauss Turnbull moving from hold to trading buy. BAA, the airports group.

was little changed at 471p ahead of next week's regulatory package. Lehman Brothers re-

gards the shares a buy, saying a worst case scenario is already

Rank Organisation was ruffled by an ABN Amro Hoare Govern downgrading, losing

11p at 471p.
AIM's run of recruits continued. Electronic Retailing Systems, the first Nasdaq stock to join made a quiet début, up 3p at 148p. It supplies elec-tronic shelf labelling systems for retailers. Lotteryking, with a near 20 million turnover, traded at 4p, up from a 3p placing. BTG, the technology com-

pany which was riding high when it joined the supporting index on Monday, continued to suffer the better-to-travel-than-arrive feeling. The shares, 1.895p on Tuesday, fell 37p to

1,773p. Wilshaw, the metal pow ders group, fell 2p to 32p, a three year low. Stockbroker Greig Middleton rates the

The independent index

Baris, a fire protection and

insulation group, has achieved its own nuclear strike - in the week of the British Energy share sale. It is buying Jordan Engineering which decommissions nuclear

plant and equipment. Jordan is an unsuccessful management buy out. The company, owned by 3i and its management, is being res-cued by Baris which is paying £2.5m with £50,000 going to shareholders, the rest repaying debts. Baris is consolidating its shares and raising £3.75m through an open offer and placing. Suspended at 22p, the shares are expected to return to market next

Dana Petroleum, half owned by institutions, gained 1.5p to 15p. The shares were 7p in March. Its developments in the former Soviet Union are said to be encouraging.

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Misuse of the PFI will cost tomorrow's taxpayer dearly

While we were being dazzled by the size of the hole in the public finances that the Chancellor revealed this week, a second, more persistent hole went almost unnoticed. The Summer Economic Forecast showed that government capital spending - already extremely low by historical and international standards - fell short even of Kenneth

Clarke's meagre plans last year. Instead of spending £12.2bn on net capital investment in 1995, the public sector spent only £10.6bn. And the borrowing requirement was £1.6bn lower as a result. The gap persists in the future too. This year's public investment will be £700m lower than planned in November. And next year's will be £1.2bn lower.

Perhaps we shouldn't be surprised. When the cash gets squeezed, investment is always first to go. But Private Finance Initiative, the Treasury is getting away with bigger cuts than usual. Hoping for private in-vestment, Mr Clarke has already cut planned public capital spending. The trouble is that the current structure of the PFI is delaying the commencement of both public and private investment projects. Moreover, while the PFI in principle could generate huge benefits, in its current form it may simply be stor-ing up further problems for our pub-

lic finances in future. In last year's Budget, the Chancellor told us that by 1999 a total of Even worse. By demanding that

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he proudly announced: "The growing importance of private finance has helped us find significant savings for

In fact the PFI projects have been much slower to materialise than he promised. The Confederation of British Industry weighed in yester-day with its own list of criticisms and concerns to add to those elaborated by the Treasury Select Committee earlier this year. Inept, bureaucratic and expensive bidding processes are

is delaying planned public investment too. No wonder the public sector didn't manage to get all its investing done last year. And no wonder too that the CBI has joined the Labour Party in demanding that private fi-nance projects be selected and prioritised, to avoid wasting everyone's

Many of these bureaucratic hitches could be resolved. But so long as the PFI is viewed as a wheeze to invest and provide services without the bill

this time, thanks to the cover of the No wonder the public sector didn't manage to get all its investing done last year

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putting companies off for a start. And many are horrified by the amount of risk that government departments expect them to bear. A recent survey by Contract Journal suggests that up 40 per cent of the planned £14bn in PFI contracts will not have ma-

terialised by the end of the decade. So Mr Clarke's investment cuts in anticipation of private investment may have been a little premature. £14bn in PFI contracts would have government bodies test every capibeen agreed. This was his justification for cutting public investment. As government bodies test every capital project – no matter how inaption for cutting public investment. As propriate – for private funding, he is really convinced, under the

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showing up on today's government balance sheet, serious problems will remain. The wheeze for the public finances and taxpayers of today risks being a burden on the public finances

and taxpayers of tomorrow. Replacing public borrowing to build public assets with private borrowing for private assets can have its advantages. So long as the hospitals, bridges, and rail links all get built in the end, we should be pleased if the

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way of postponing the bills.

In the Treasury's words, the point of the PFI was that "the public sector does not contract to buy assets, it contracts to buy services". The idea is that firms retain ownership of the infrastructure they build (or at least part ownership). They then sell the services rather than the asset either directly to customers, or to the government. Firms operating new toll roads and bridges would sell swift passage to motorists. New hospitals would be rented to the doctors and nurses who made up the NHS truct.

ture breakdowns.

current design for the PFI, that it will genuinely generate long-term savings for the Exchequer, instead of being just an expensive and bureaucratic

Net public sector Capital Spanding

This could be a smart move. Companies who know they have to operate the hospital building, or the IT system, or the bridge, may take a lot more care avoiding long-term design faults than companies who just hand the whole thing over to gov-ernment and let them deal with fu-

In the jargon, this means sharing the risk. Under the old model, the public sector often took on the entire risk of unforeseen accidents, delays, and additional costs. As a result the new British Library is eight years late, at immense cost to the taxpayer. However, when a new computer system supplied to government under the PFI by Andersen Consulting recently broke down, Andersen had

When risk-sharing provides contractors with the incentive to reduce costs and avoid problems - effectively

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CAPITAL SPENDING **Budget Forecast** Summer Economic Forecast Consulative PT contracts expected

to reduce and manage the risk of something going wrong - then the new arrangements can make savings for everyone. Michael Jack, the Financial Secretary, has claimed that projects under the PFI are currently generating savings of around

7 per cent compared with the pub-lic sector alternatives. But there is no point in burden-

taxpayer is still getting value for

For many people, costly investment will still be better than no investment at all

ing private sector companies with risks that are better and more cheaply If the private sector have got the money to do it, why not let them? borne by government. All that hap-In some cases, where the repaypens then is that the contract - be it ment on the private money comes from user charges such as tolls, this rent for hospitals or cash for comis a good argument. The toll-payers puter services - goes up in price to compensate companies for the extra may be forking out more each time they cross the bridge than if the Gov-ernment had paid for it, but at least uncertainty they are taking on. Given, too, that it is more expen-

sive for the private sector to borrow money to invest than for the Government, you have to be pretty sure that the risks transferred do provide the incentives for a better, more efficient service, to believe that the

money.

Still, for many people, costly investment will still be better than no investment at all. Given that the Government is so touchy about its precious public sector borrowing requirement and the search for tax cuts, few have much hope in extra funds for capital investment in the near future.

they have a bridge to cross now. They

may even prefer paying more in tolls

But many of these services are not sold directly to individual customers,

they are sold to the state. NHS trusts

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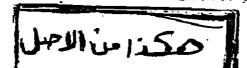
pay the rent for their new wing - on behalf of the Department of Health and ultimately the taxpayer. Capital investment that appears on the PSBR today is being replaced by current charges on the government balance sheet tomorrow. And if those charges are higher than they would have been if the government just carried out the investment itself. then tomorrow's taxpayer is getting

a raw deal. As Labour's shadow chief secretary, Andrew Smith, argued in a speech to the Public Private Extr-nerships Programme earlier this week: "It is a mistake to think that private finance can in some way circumvent macro-economic con-

straints on public investment." This, then, is the test for the Private Finance Initiative. While it is a means to draw on the skills and experience of the private sector to do exactly what it does best, the PFI could be an extremely valuable addition to public sector management. Once it becomes a way to push capital spending off the government balance sheet, to reduce government borrowing today, then the taxpayers of tomorrow are in trouble.

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2.40 BEHAVIOUR (nap)

3.10 Branston Abby

HYPERION

205 TIM HODGSON KEY OF THE DOOR RATED STAKES, (CLASS B HANDICAP) £12,750 added 1m 3f 195yds

2.40 WWW NORTH 10TH ANNIVERSARY STAKES (CONDITIONS RACE) (CLASS B) £12,750 added 1m

1995: Chamwood Forest 3 8 8 M Kinsne 30-100 (H Catil) 4 ten FORM QUIDE.

SABOT had a contidence booster on the fast ground at Thinsk last time and cruised home. A colt who started his career in the Comwiel States here, Sabot has often him with promise against decent reals and this mile tooks needed, He does too a stam has against the exposed mals but he is worth the risk with Improvement to come. Green Perfitting is increating form, but he loves to get on with it and could be vulnerable over this mile after his fourth to Emerging Market, under a big weight in the Wolongham. All Nod revels on his fourth to Emerging Market, under a big weight in the Wolongham. All Nod revels on his fourth to Emerging Market, under a big weight in the Wolongham. All Nod revels on the fourth to Emerging Market, under a big weight in the Wolongham. All Nod revels on the fire would and it took a power-packed note from Pot. Eddery on Everglades to beat him at Newbury last time. To win with 10st at Doncaster on the reappearance confirmed once the what a talented horse he is and a slove pace, plus Scaraben, beat him when put over a mile at Newcastle last season. Behaviour won the mile handicap on this card last, year. A bit of a flop in First Island's handicap here in May, he bounced back with a crackling sepond to Biomberg in Epsom's Diomed States last time.

Selection: SABOT-

3.10 MANCHESTER-SINGAPORE SUMMER STAKES (CLASS A) (Listed) £18,000 added Filles 6f

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9 declared 9 declared -

3.40 Special-K 4.10 For The Present

4,40 Shoumatara

Heads turn sprint into procession

Richard Edmondson reports from Newmarket on a French triumph

There were two sets of distances after Anabaa annexed the July Cup for France here yesterday. In the form book we will read there was one and threequarter lengths back to Lucayan Prince and a further three to Hever Golf Rose, but there is another, closer version. The race was also won by four

The multiple Classic-winning brother and sister partnership of Freddie and Criquette Head collected sprinting's champion ip for the first time for their parents Alec and Ghislaine. Criquette Head has for long been a respected adversary on these shores following her suc-cesses with such as Ma Biche, Ravinella and Hatoof, all of whom took home the 1.000 Guineas. However, this was the first time she had registered

in Britain with a colt. Two years ago, though, it seemed likely that Anabaa's destination would not be a winners' enclosure, more likely a dinner plate. As a juvenile the colt was diagnosed as a "wobbler". "One morning, after a gallop, he couldn't walk and lost his balance completely," Mme Head said. "If you'd pushed him, he would have gone on the floor. I was the first to say that we wouldn't be able to save him, but Papa said we couldn't de-

stroy a horse like him." Anabaa was subsequently dispatched to the family's Normandy stud, where a career in racing's most frustrating occupation was mapped out for him. He was to be a teaser. If

they have a job centre in hell,

YORK

2.40: Course and distance winner BEHAVIOUR produced a solid per-

formance when second to Blomberg at Epsom a month ago and, with his

stable continuing in good form, should take this.

3.10: BRANSTON ABBY won at

Yarmouth over seven furlongs last

rance. Backers should not to take

too short a price on the mare, how-ever. She could struggle if the ear-ly pace is not quick enough -

Champagne Warrior

SIS All paces

GODNG: Good (Good to Firm in places).

HAMILTON

HYPERION

6.45 Giffbox 7.15 Cashmere Lady (nb) 7.45 Trop-loal Beach 8.15 Robec Girl 8.45 Mithralc 9.15

GOING: Good (Good to Firm in paces).

STALLS: Im 3f & Im 4f - stands' side; rest - inside.

DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 5f & 6f.

Reght-hand undulating course with pear-shaped loop.

Rececourse is N of town in B7071. Hamilton West usation feervice (ron Glassow) Im. ADMISSION; Club £12; Grandstand and

Paddock £7 (£4 for CAPs, distabled & students, £10 for couples);
accompanied under-16s free all enclosures. CAR PARE: Free.

BLINEBERD FIRST TIME: None.
WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DATS: Giftbox (6.45) won at Handton on Friday: Gold Blade (6.45) won at Pontefract on Themay.
LONG-DISTANCE BUNNERS: Super Sevenade (6.45) has been sent 393 miles by G Balding from Fylield. Hampshire.

6.45 SUNDAY MAIL AMATEUR RIDERS' HAND-ICAP (CLASS F) £3,500 added 1m 1f

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- 9 deciared -BETTRIC: 5-2 Telephod Ying, 3-1 Giffbox, 4-1 Gold Stade, 9-2 Super Ser-ennde, 8-1 Communder Gien, 10-1 Langtonian, 12-1 others

7.15 SCOTTISHPOWER TROPHY (HANDICAP) (CLASS D) £5,500 added 1m 65yds

442523 CASHARDE LADY (12) (D) (BP) J Eye 4 9 11 R Lappin 6
223100 RREE ARCH BRIDGE (11) (CD) M Johnson 4 9 3.

003004 BEST OF ALL (B) (B) J Barry 4 9 2 J Carroll 8
000-503. MAPULSWE AR (18) E Weymes 4 6 9 J H Technolt 7
33500-0 CELEBRATION CARE (4) (D) Mass I. Perint 4 8 5 John McCoron 4

OD3121- RODDO MUSIC (224) (D) M Meeger 5 B 4 ... / Frida 00-0000 MINISC (224) (D) M Meeger 5 B 4 ... / Frida 00-0000 MINISC (224) (D) D Haydr Jones 5 8 1 ... / Miscley 2 00-0002 SENEROUS PRESENT (15) (D) J Payra 3 7 100 Wright (3) 5 005 RAISE A REPUE (65) Mrs D Thomson 3 7 10...

- 9 declared True handicap weights: Generous Present 7st 4th, Raise A Ripple 7st 3th.

that posting would be one of the vacancies on the board, and givon these options, Anabaa decided he'd rather start running quickly on racecourses.

In the paddock yesterday Anabaa was distinguishable by his swishing tail and single white sock on his off-hind. In the race itself he was distinguishable by leading for virtually all of the six-furlong journey. I was always handy and going well," Freddie Head said. "When Mind Games [the eventual seventh] came to me two out 1 asked him the question and he just quickened away."

When Freddie returned he performed the Parisian victory show, taking his helmet off and raising it to the crowd. There have been times when punters would have liked to remove what the hat was designed to protect. Freddie has had some bad days and an even worse press in Britain, which is unfortunate for a man of his undoubted talents. If he ever felt the need for vindication, it arrived yesterday. "For the one reason that people might stop saying that Freddie can't ride in England I'm happy," Criquette said, before adding a couple of phrases they didn't teach at her Guildford and Eastbourne finishing schools. "I'm in the moon," she said. "I could walk

over the water today." Freddie is 49 but seems to have borrowed someone else's hair. As his golden locks came down out of the saddle he delivered the words that trainers like to hear. "This horse is a champion," he said. "I'm very

3.48: Kamari will be strongly fancied for this event but may be hard



Freddie Head and Anabaa surge clear of yesterday's July Cup field at Newmarket

Handicapper red-faced

Marois at Deauville and the Breeders' Cup, if she can teach him to corner. She is also looking forward to the racecourse Even for those familiar with racdebut of his two-year-old halfing's capacity for navel-gazing, sister, Always Loyal, a cheetah on the Chantilly gallops, who may travel here for the Chevethe chatter in the winner's enclosure at Newmarket yesterday took some believing. The racelev Park Stakes in September. track has never been the ideal More immediate are the place to dehate weighty affairs family celebrations. In terms of of state, but after Fahim had happy families the Heads are nearer the Waltons than the strolled away with the Hare Park Borgias on the scale, and yes-Handicap, the only topic of

fortunate. You don't ride many

Criquette's plans for Anabaa

include the Prix Jacques le

terday's was a great day to

daughter training."

by this mile.

BETTHAS: 3-1 impulsive Air, 7-2 Generous Present, 9-2 Casimere Lady, 5-1 Rood Music, 7-1 Best of AI, 8-1 King Caran, 12-1 others

7.45 FIELD & LAWIN (MARQUEES) LTD SELL-

- 10 declared -BETTING: 9-4 Massich, 4-1 Diet, 9-2 Tropical Beach, 6-1 Ulina Beet, 7-1 Aurother Spisode, 8-1 December, 19-1 Aurylina, 12-1 others

8.15 SCOTTISHPOWER CLASSIC NURSERY H'CAP (CLASS E) £4,500 added 270 Sf

8.45 FUDGE CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F)

9.15 JOE PUNTER MAIDEN HANDICAP (CLASS F) £3,800 addled 370 1m 4f

ING STAKES (CLASS G) £3,000 added 6f

to SPECIAL-K, who will be suited

4.10: Perryston View, whose main target is the Stewards' Cup at

Goodwood, is likely to need the out-ing. Twice As Sharp showed a fine

month but a 6lb rise in this colt's

handicap rating makes his relative-ly short odds look unattractive.

POR THE PRESENT has gone up

4lb for a Redcar victory but the form

horses like him.

compare with anything that has D maiden race, which had takcome before. "I've had three en place at Beverley all of five eeks ago. To be fair, though the Etton great pleasures in racing, winning the French Derby with Maiden Stakes, won by Fahim at Bering, the Arc de Triomphe with Three Troikas and now the Humberside track on 6 June, this," the 71-year-old Alec appears in hindsight to have Head said, "Each one has been been one of the strongest races the course has ever seen. Its relwith my son riding and my

Greg Wood on a race in which the punters weighed into the favourite

has been that the handicapper did not see it that way, and the first four home have now won seven subsequent races between them thanks to the hopelessly inade-

quate burdens placed upon them.
The most notable was Crown Court, third at Beverley, who turned a handicap on the first procession and prompted a few dark comments from cynics that his effort in the previous evance to proceedings this week race might have been less than

unstinting. Now, though, it seems that the handicapper, and not Luca Cumani, Crown Court's trainer, has some ex-

plaining to do.
"It's terribly hard for him,"
Alec Stewart, Fahim's trainer,

think it was a good race." Not that the punters will

after Fahim's easy win

said yesterday. He had unex-posed horses going up there, and no-one wanted to give their horse a hard race. The runnerup then went into a claiming race, so even his trainer didn't

have many complaints. Fahim, day of the July meeting into a a handicap blot who managed to win as he was supposed to, was a 4-1 chance yesterday morning but after a series of big hets he was sent off at 2-1.

LINGFIELD

conversation was a £3,500, Class

2.20 Solo Symphony 2.55 Emily開 3.25 Most Uppity 3.55 Tsarnista 4.25 Dear Life 4.55 Superi-

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: None. WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DAYS: Frog (4.25) won at Noti-ingham on Saturday; General Haven (4.56) won at Windsor on Monday.

LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: None No Bounds (4.55) has been sent 270 miles by M Johnston from Middleham, North Yorkshire.

2.20 STOCKBROKER CLAIMING STAKES

(CLASS F) £3,450 added 5f (AW)

7 45-0000 ASTRAL'S CHANCE (42) K Burks 3 8 5 5 Senders 6 8 036444 LITTLE SAROTEIR (37) (DJ) (EF) P Major 7 8 3 .A Clark 4 8 9 6-60540 ASSICA'S SONS (44) (DF) W Turer 3 7 12 ... R Friench (7) 10 525-00 DONNESTON PASK (ER) P Destro 3 7 10 ... H Advans 2 - 10 declared - 10 declared - 10 declared - 15 10 LITTLE SAROTEIR (41) Solo Symphony, 8-2 Paleongisto Touch, 5-1 hittaight Spell, 6-1 Little Sabotetr, 10-1 Astral's Chance, 14-1 Avant Red, 16-1 others

3.25 AL AMEAD FILLIES' HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 6f (Turf)

54300-0 SECRET PLEASURE (108) R Hannon 3 9 5 .. 5-53006 TIME FOR TEA (13) C Cyeer 3 9 5 ________ & Defined 12 20-200 LUCKY REVENUE (15) Manyn Mecce 3 9 4 __ R Hanlin (5) 10 615360 MERREE LE BOW (12) (20) Par Machell 4 8 9 ______ IN IN SPIRITS, Surface: left-band, sharp undulating course. Turf: Left-band, sharp undulating course. Turf: Left-band, sharp undulating course.

13 3000-00 DON'T TELL VICES (18) (D) Hoove 3 7 10, Declare O'Shee 1

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SUR 52; Silver Ring 55. CAR PARE: (3th 52); remainder free.

Out Line, 8-1 Superior, 10-1 hystery Mathins, 12-1 others. 3.55 RYDON GROUP LIMITED STAKES (CLASS D) £5,100 added 3YO 7f 140yds (Turf)

4.25 AMEC CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,100 added 370 1m 3f 108yds (Ruf)

BETTING: Evens Dear Life, 6-4 Frog. 7-1 ishioff, 8-1 Cloude Hill.

4.55 JM WALLIS TO HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,200 added 1m 2f (AW)

420240 WET PKITCH (11) (100) R Hannori 4 9 11 Dama O'Relli (3) 13 600105 RIVAL BID (6) (23) Mrs N Necadey 8 9 10 .C Tengue (3) 10 343551 GENERAL HANEN (4) (C) T J Naugrom 3 9 8 65cd

CHESTER

GOING: Good to Firm.

HYPERION 6.30 Best Kept Secret 7.00 Chocolate Ice 7.30 Desert Frolic 8.00 Misrule 8.30 U-No-Harry 9.00 Solar Crystal

STALLS: Im 2f - stands' side; rest - inside DRAW ADVANTAGE; Low numbers best. Left-hand, tight, circular course. Not suitable for long-striding

Excecourse is near centre of city on Ab48. Chester General sation Im. ADMISSION: County Enclosure \$15; Tattersalls \$8; Dee

ion In. Adminstrate; Compression and Administration and the BLUKERED FIRST TIME: Prince of Audron (9.00, visored). WINNERS IN THE LAST SEVEN DATE: Desert Froite (7.30) was at Carible on Samping; Gweenpy; (8.30) won at Huydock on Friday. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: Chocolate Ice (7.00) has been sent. 222 miles by C Cyser from Maplefurst, West Susser, Quakers Fleid (9,00) sent 202 miles by G Moore from Epsom, Surrey.

6.30 TARPORLEY APPRENTICES' HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,500 added 7f 122yds 313523 MY GALLERY (8) (D) A Bailey 5 9 10 "Angela Gallimore (5) 3 463103 DAVID JUNES GIRL (6) (D) A Bailey 4 9 7 Jone Wands (5) 7

212110 PRE RIDGE LAD (84) (D) J See 5 9 5 ______ O Pears 5 205033 GEST KEPT SECRET (B) P Sens 5 9 0 ____ R Malen (5) 2 V 003003 SCENECRS (16) R Holinshead 3 8 10.___ D Geriffels (3) 10 06502 CES-MC-AY (6) (CD) | Berry 9 8 8 .____ C Lowther (7) 8 00-401 BALLARO LADY (S) (D) I Warrenight 4.8.2 (Text) P Doe (T) 11 200-002 BOOM COMBONN (S) (CD) B Murray 7.8.0 10 00-0000 BASHE (CAN) (22) P Howing 5 7 12 M Beind 9
11 000 DOWN FEIPA (286) Mss L Schall 3 7 10 LC Adamson (3) 1

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7.00 TARVIN LIMITED STAKES (CLASS D) £5,500 added 1m 4f 66yds 00-105 DANCE KING (7) 7 Here 4 9 8 ______ A Daly (6) 2

C-0222 BREAK THE RULES (10) kin M Restin 496 __ IX Dentoy 3

1 SEATTLE SAGA (156) (D) Dioze 359 ____ Par Bidery 1 32350 CHOCOLATE ICE (23) C O.SE 3 6 7. SETTING: 11-10 Seattle Saga, 9-4 Break The Rules, 7-2 Chocolate Ice,

7.30 BRETTLING WATCHES AND WALTONS OF CHESTER HANDICAP (CLASS C) £8,500 added 1m 4f 66vds 160-021 LEADING SPORT (41) (D) C Well 4 9 10. 2-430 SHENWINGO (22) 6 Virging 3 8 6....

8.00 RETAIL ADVERTISING SERVICES MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (CLASS D) 56,000 added 7f 122yds

D- AMOST, FACE (331) B Presce 3 & 12 ... 3.340 LACKESIS (13) R Holmshead 3 & 12 F Lynch (5) 1 65 MASRILLE (30) J Gosden 3 & 12 Pat Eddeny 4 0504-6 STEAL TEN (6) A Bailey 3 8 12 ... -4 de PETTENS: 4-7 Misrole, 2-1 Lacheris, 10-1 Steal form, 25-1 Augul Face

8.30 KIDSONS IMPEY HANDICAP (CLASS C) £8,500 added 3YO 5f 504301 GWESPYR (7) (D) | Berry 7 10 (Yes)

DETTING: 5-2 Taxles, 31-4 II-No-Harry, 3-1 Princely Second, Gavespyr, 8

9.00 FARNDON CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS B) £13,000 added 1m 2f 75yds 41-6021 PRINCE OF ANDROS (20) (D) D Loder 6 9 2 Pat Edday 5 V

2213-20 SOLAR CRYSTAL (38) H Cect 3 8 0 ... - B declared BETTING: 11-4 Prince of Andres, 3-1 Soles Crystal, 4-1 Den Vito, West A. Minute, 9-2 Quakers Field, 10-1 Sayet, 16-1 others

	PLEASE SUZANINE, who did not get the best of runs in the Jersey st Royal Ascort, showno perving was her game when beating labbe at Kempton after a run in the Fred Darling at Kewbury. A desent winning juvenile who returned home coughing after her stard to Polisias in the Blue Seal at Ascot, Please Suzanne could take the catching with Brett. Doyles. In the Blue Seal at Ascot, Please Suzanne could take the catching with Brett. Doyles booked. Richard Quinn is another taking an outside did on David Loder's Preaming, This booked. Richard Quinn is another taking an outside did on David Loder's Preaming, the stable continues on a quiet note, but Prencing meeting the winner or Roberts and she as also 3th better in with Weight Milat (fifth), who is now bried in blinkers and the winner of this two years ago and a close third 12 months ago. Bransatan Abby was shown too much daylight when fourth of the in this last year. She won well enough at Yarmouth last week and her path was blocked when she started to pick up at New castle beforehand. Warming Starr held every chance in that Newpastle race, white Carriotte should go well today and was only a head and a neck behind Branston Abby (same weights) at Haydock (7t) last month.
	3.40 HEARTHSTEAD HOMES STAKES (HANDICAP) (CLASS C) £10,000 added 1m
	1 24-3050 COURAGEOUS DANCER (16) Whoulten All B Hanbury 4 9 10
-	2 513600 QUEENS CONSUL (7) (0) Discs Heater L Dayson) B Rothself 6 9 10
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	S 2/0023-6 MASS HAVERSHAM (15) (R M Open) C Oper 490
	6 522115 BOLLEN FRANK (20) (0) (Sr Neil Westbrook) T Easterby 4 B 11
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İ	8 0-03102 MEULYKA (12) (09 (Northymoring Lessyre Ltd) R Fishey 10 8 6
	9 31-4004 SPECIAL-K (30) (D) (6 Faisher) E Waynes 4 8 2
	BETTIMO: 7-2 Milyans, 4-1 Kanseri, Give Me A Rieg, 9-2 Bollin Frank, 5-1 Coornignous Descor, 6
	2 Special-K, 12-1 Miss Haversham, 18-1 others.
	1995: Behaviour 3 9 \$ Paul Eddery 10-11 (Mrs J Cect) 6 ran Forela GUEDE
	Some exposed handicappers face KAMARI, who could be a snip here to follow up th
	owner-trainer-jockey team that clicked with Fahim at Newmarket yesterday. Kaman cam
	home in a canter at Redoar last time - as he did at Lingfield a month earlier. Why his does not have two was to his name is down to an error by Willie Carson, who took sev
	odes not have two wits to his hame is down to an either by while consult, who was act eral peeps over his right shoulder at Linghald, but forgot to look left where Major Dunder
	eral peeps over his night shoulder at Languago, but forgot to book his which ways out to the making his run. A Woodman colt who has the makings of a handicap wither, Kama
	has the same look as last year's blot Behaviour. Boillin Frank was not as good on th
	fast ground at Redicar (fifth to Fasteq over 10 funlongs) after two game wins in the so
	at Haydock. He reverts to his winning trip, but could be taking on a real live-wire here i
	Kamari. Mibelwa, a length behind Bollin Frank at Redcar and now 21b better, is also mor
	afternoon and backers to be a larger of the form and backer Greener Control on North

4.10 ANTHONY FANCETT MEMORIAL HANDICAP C4

effective over today's trip. He is at the top of his form and holds Queens Coosal on Don-caster running last time when second to New Century. Courageous Dancer gets a 6th pull with Bollin Frank for the seven-length besting at Haydock and sine will prefer this faster

- 22 declared
Affirmen weight 7st 10th. Time handicap weight: Premium 6th & Rich Glow 7st 4th.

BETTRIE: 13-2 hairs As Sharp, 10-1 Constant Harff, Surprise Massion, 13-1 For The Present, Sanpeer, Shadow Jury, Techamowi, 14-1 Persystem View, Premium 6th, Suint Express, Stolen Vies,

15-1 La Suquet, 18-1 Laured Delight, 20-1 Lago di Verano, Massion Of Passion, Portend, 25-1 In
sider Trader, 33-1 Croftons Costein, Rich Glow, Separard Dream, 40-1 others.

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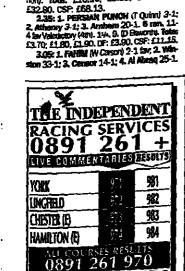
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Captain prepared to ride out the storm

During his year in office the thrown out of the Five Nations because of it. Captain Tony Hallett RN, seems to have been beset by one angry squall after another. If it wasn't the Five Nations, then it was the other Home Unions, or the English clubs, or their players, and all of this without pause to take stock.

Today Hallett, 51, who does not enjoy universal support in the RFU after his first 12 months in office, faces his most difficult moment yet at the RFU annual meeting in London. But he is expecting that. He also expects to win over the body politic of the game and persuade them, among other things, that the £87.5m broadcasting deal with BSkyB is a good move, and that there is lit-tle likelihood of England being way the meeting could overturn

But he will be crossing un-charted waters at the Hilton Hotel, London, this afternoon. There are rumours that Cliff Brittle, controversially elected as chairman of the executive in January, will try to take the floor. If he does then Haliett may find he has a mutiny on their bands.

The urbane former secretary to the chiefs of staff during the Falklands War remains phleg-matic. Logic and reason are his weapons. Firstly the agenda of the AGM is immutable," Hallett asserts. "It is set and you cannot disturb it at this hour." So much for a possible coup then. As far as the BSkyB deal goes

Tony Hallett, secretary of the Rugby Football Union, will face tough questioning at its AGM today. David Liewellyn reports

the decision. The committee takes decisions on behalf of the game in this country, just like any other company's board of directors and the contract is legal and binding. That's a fact."

As for rumblings from

Brittle's supporters and the possible intervention by the executive chairman himself, Hallett points out: "Cliff Brittle is not scheduled to speak to the meeting. It would be normal practice for the incoming [John Richardson] and outgoing [Bill Bishop] presidents, after all they are the principal players on this occasion, to cover whatever points the union wishes to make. And I would not expect

any member, even a senior officer of the union, to speak ontside the agenda." Brittle has been warned.

Hallett is forearmed. "It's been a year of lots of chal-lenges," he acknowledges. "but it's also been a lot of fun. I think some people have found out that I thrive in those circumstances. If I don't get a problem a day I start to wonder whether there is something wrong with the game.

But he does admit the possibility of resignation loomed recently when there appeared to be no solution in sight to the dispute with the English Professional Rugby Union Clubs (Epruc).

game is what a governing body is about," he said. "So if there had been a breakaway by the chibs, then that would have been an issue over which I would certain-

ly have considered resigning.
"But I would only resign on
a principle of not being able to deliver what I believe the RFU is there to do, which is to be the guardian of the whole game. Since I am, in effect, the senior executive, if we had been unable to keep the game together, then I would have seen that as being a failure on my part and there-fore I would have considered

As it is, resignation is the last

thing on Hallett's mind as he gathers his thoughts and his co-horts for what promises to be the roughest AGM in RFU history. With or without the least, yet he remains optimistic. threat of Brittle and his huge army of support the RFU were

To that end they took it upon themselves to draw up an explanation to explain their motives and reasoning. They are, according to Hallett, merely conforming to an international Board regulation which allows individual unions the right to negotiate their own broadcasting contracts - exercised by France for the last 12 years of the Five Nations' Championship.

always going to come under a broadside from the floor over

the BSkyB-Five Nations issues.

in the past, RFU annual meetings have attracted little or

"I expect it to be stormy at first,"

"And I'm expecting a meeting that will wish to examine exactly how the BSkyB contract was arrived at, under whose authority and its principal implications. I believe there is a logical and legal answer to any of the queries that may be raised."

But at the end of a year of dissension in the ranks Hallett wants to accentuate the positive. The annual report is good, with success on and off the field for England. There was the acceptance by the union of the Bishop Commission report and there is the Coopers and Ly-



Hallett: Ready for criticism

brand report into the running and infrastructure of the RFU. a report which will take the union into the age of professionalism and the 21st century. In addition to all that the financial results are probably the best on record against a backcloth of so many uncertainties following the game's decision to go open last August.

Theatre of the absurd at the ICC

Cricket

DEREK PRINGLE

The International Cricket Conference's appointment of a new chairman elect has been deferred until next July, leaving one of the most important posts in cricket, dangling for another vear.

It is a patently absurd state of affairs, and one that the current chairman. Sir Clyde Walcott, admitted to being unsatisfactory at yesterday's press conference. As a result, he is setting up a rules review committee, that will look into the ageing constitution to see if suitable changes can be

At present that constitution states that any prospective candidate for the chair who wishes to gain election, requires at least a two-thirds majority of full member countries (the nine Test-playing nations) as well as an overall majority. which includes the votes of associate members.

However, when none of the three candidates standing achieved this, an impasse was reached. Mind you, what apother boring stand-off by the ICC on Wednesday evening. was still crackling with electricity and subterfuge yesterday, when the ICC's annual meeting finally

drew to a close. Officially, the main reason given for the deferral, was that the rules of the constitution had not been met. Unofficially, however, it is seen by many as nothing more than a move to block the path of Jagmothan Dalmiya, in the hope that a more suitable candidate comes forward, such as Ali Bacher, in time for next year's meeting.

Dalmiya, the controversial millionaire from Calcutta, whose radical ideas to globalise the game have made certain Test-playing countries wary. Others, though, see him as a grenade set to explode the complacency of a game presided over by an archaic elite at Lord's.

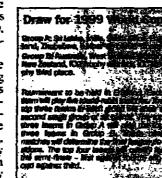
Either way, the ICC chief executive. David Richards, would not be drawn into divulging where the various votes went. Although after Krish Mackerdhuj withdrew following the first ballot, it is widely believed that Dalmiya had 25 votes to Malcolm Gray's 13,

with two countries abstaining. in other words a clear overall maiority.

The more crucial full memher vote, however, is thought to have been levelled at four each with one abstention. Incensed, Dalmiya apparently left the meeting intent on seeking British legal advice and he, for one, is clearly not going to let things lie until next year, when Sir Clyde Walcott officially steps

As eighth seeds, England will have been happy with their draw for the 1999 World Cup, despite ending up in the same group as the cup holders, Sri

With 12 teams competing in two groups - including the top three teams from the ICC Trophy held in Malaysia early next year - it uses a more competitive format than its predeces-



To get to the final, England will have to finish in the top three of Group A, which includes India, South Africa, Zimbabwe, and the runners-up of the ICC trophy. They will avoid meeting both the West Indies and Australia in the early

Should they prevail - and with home advantage they ought to - they will progress to a six team super-league where each team will play the others once. From there the top four teams will go through to the semi-finals, the winners meeting in a showpiece final at

White balls and coloured clothing will be used over 50 overs, though there will be no provision for day/night matches. Each match will have one extra day set aside for rain. In all 42 matches are scheduled, five more than were played in the last World Cup.

DRAW FOR THE NATWEST TROPHY QUAR-TER-FRALS: Lancashine v Derbyshine: Sur-rey v Somerset; Hampshire v Easer, Sussex v Yorkshire. (Ties to be played on Tuesday 1 30 July).



Close to the edge: the peloton has no chance to admire the view as they chase a four-rider breakaway between Gap and Valence yesterday

Photograph: Phil Cole/Allsport

Chepe skates to front and walks tall

ROBIN NICHOLL

with the Tour de France

There was treachery awheel in the warm lavender-scented air of the Rhône valley as the cry of crevaison (puncture) normally heard from the Tour de France riders came constantly from the publicity caravan.

Decorated vehicles advertising cheese, fruit, and sports shoes, plus official cars and Press vehicles, were parked on the roadside with their drivers changing tyres. Most found nails embedded in their flattened tyres. Then the cavalcade was blockaded by small shop-owners demonstrating against their loss of trade to supermarkets.

The CRS, the French security force, loaded in a small bus, made their way forward to deal with the protesters, but had to walk the last 300 metres when their vehicle had a puncture. Demonstrators insisted that European success. Chepe has

they were not responsible for the punctures, but Tour organisers twice won the Tour of Colombia but this win will make him filed legal action against the organising union, the Confederation in Defence of Shop-owners and Artisans. In a statement or-

ganisers condemned "the cowardly behaviour and malevolence which imperiled the safety of riders and the running of the race. They have acted on the threats they made when we had discussions with

Fifty kilometres behind the débacle, the race was going flat out, and arrived in Valence where a Colombian, known to the taxman as Jose Jaime Gonzalez Pico, and to his mates as Chepe, performed more mis-chief. Launching his elfin 1.67m into winning mode at the inflated arch that marks the final kilometre, he deflated his seven co-leaders.

He crossed the line gesticu-lating in sheer delight at his first

an overnight hero back home.

Bjarne Riis was not caught up in any of the disruption, within or around the stage. The





Dane retained the yellow jersey, one of the day's many hills. Even after his victory, nearstill 40 seconds clear of the Russian Yevgeny Berzin and by three minutes clear of Riis 53sec ahead of the Swiss Tony Rominger, who injured his right

and his rivals, Chepe is still more than an hour and 13 minutes away from the yellow jersey, but walking tall. "It's the most important victory of my life and an enormous surprise," he said. When I decided to attack I thought the rest will not believe that such a small Colombian would do such a thing." His mountainous homeland has produced a number of jock-

cy-sized specialists in mountain climbing. Luis Herrera and Fabio Parra led an invasion in the 1980s, and a European team then without a Colombian was indeed out of fashion. For Britain's Olympic team,

the day was not so happy. Max Sciandri quit before the first climb in pain from a damaged muscle in his left knee. "Every time I turned the pedals it got worse and worse. I could not go any further," he said. The

British-born Italian will consult a specialist because his next big date, the Olympic road race, is

less than three weeks away. Chris Boardman, the remaining Briton, finished with the main pack, as he rides on into unknown territory. He retired from his first Tour two Years ago during the 11th stage.

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Local pride at stake as Black faces rivals

Athletics

MIKE ROWBOTTOM

Britain's surplus of riches in 400 metres running will be on dis-play at Crystal Palace tonight in the Securicor Games, the final domestic meeting before the

Olympic Games.
Roger Black, who has reduced the UK record to 44.37sec this season, will take on the four other leading do-mestic competitors in Du Aine Ladejo, Iwan Thomas, Jamie Baulch and Mark Richardson. ... While Ladejo and Thomas took the other two individual team places behind Black at the Olympic trials, Richardson and Baulch have run 44.52 and 44.57 respectively to establish themselves at fourth and fifth in the British all-time lists. Local pride will be at stake - but in the absence of the world champion Michael Johnson,

who is considering legal action after being offered a run in the 200m rather than the 400, two other Americans threaten to make life difficult for the Brits.

Derek Mills has a season's best of 44.51, while Darnell Hall, the world indoor cham-pion, defeated both Mills and Thomas in Lausanne last week.

Allen Johnson, America's world 110m hurdles champion, takes on the man who took silver behind him in Gothenburg last year, Tony Jarrett. "Tony is one of the toughest competitors I have ever raced against," Johnson said. "No matter what you do he's always biting at your

Johnson said he hoped that Colin Jackson, Britain's world record holder, would recover his full form in time for the Olympics. "I miss running against the old Colin Jackson," he said. Jackson, meanwhile, has al-

ready departed to begin his

preparations in Florida. But his friend and business partner Linford Christie is due to race over 100m after his photo-finish defeat in Nice on Wednesday at the hands of the new world cham-

pion, Donovan Bailey. Elsewhere the javelin should be a big point of interest. Tessa Sanderson, bound for a record sixth Olympics, will seek to move further beyond the 60 metres mark around which she has been throwing for the bulk of the season. And Steve Backley, also Atlanta-bound, is hoping for a similar statement of intent in what will be only his second competition since recovering from an Achilles tendon operation.

The chest infection which obliged Kenya's triple world steeplechase champion Moses Kiptanui to pull out of the Stockholm meeting means that he may not be operating at full speed if he runs a 3,000m which includes Britain's John Nuttall.

Henman has test of nerve in Ghana

Britain's Davis Cup captain, David Lloyd, was in upbeat mood yesterday after Tim Henman was given the opening match in this weekend's Euro-Africa Group Two tie against

Ghana in Accra. Henman, who became the first British player to reach the last eight at Wimbledon since Roger Taylor in 1973, should overcome the Ghanaian No 2, Issac Donkor, comfortably in the first rubber.

That should ease the pressure on Luke Milligan, the 19-yearold Londoner who will make his Cup debut when he plays Ghana's top player, Frank Ofori, in the second match. Milligan earned his place by winning two matches at Wimbledon, against Jonas Bjork-

man of Sweden and Nicolas

Lapentii of Ecuador, both in the

world's top 100, and should not

be overawed by the opposition. His inexperience, however, may be tested by a hostile crowd and reputedly eccentric line-calling. "It won't be easy. It will be a real test of nerve,"

Lloyd said. Despite the intense heat and inexperienced officials in Ghana, Britain should win this tie with something to spare.

Henman, the world No 39, and Milligan, No 217, are far higher ranked than Ofori, at 509, while Doukor is not even ranked at all. Neil Broad and Mark

Petchey play the doubles rub-ber on Sunday and victory would give Britain a home match with either Egypt or the Ivory Coast in September, a contest that would decide which nation is promoted to Euro-

Africa Group One.
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Wigan tipped to win battle of the Pauls

Rugby League DAVE HADFIELD

Bradford Bulls must prove the

St Helens coach, Shaun McRae, wrong tonight if they are to give his side any chance of returning to the top of the Stones Super League.

After the Bulls beat the Saints last week. McRae predicted that Wigan would win the second half of the Odsal double-header this week with something to spare. "I'd love to be proved wrong," he said yesterday. "But my hon-est feeling is that British clubs don't play enough high-pressure matches to be able to win two

like this in a row." Kris Radlinski is fit to return for Wigan while Martin Offiah and Neil Cowie are likely to recover from injuries and Henry Paul declaring himself ready to face his younger brother, Rob-bie, despite ankle problems.

The clash of the gifted siblings is always worth watching and the Bulls' Brian Smith is predicting a match that will go right to the final hooter. "The team we played last week are contenders, but these are the champions - and long-time champions at that," he said. "We will have to play twice as

well as we did against Saints." Smith will have Karl Fairbank available after escaping sus-pension for last week's sending off and Bernard Dwyer is added to the squad after injury.

When Saints play Halifax on Sunday, it will be without Scott Gibbs, who has been suspended for two matches for use of the forearm at Bradford last week. With Gibbs, who is appealing today, now looking certain to return to rugby union, it could be

that he has played his last match for St Helens. Bobbie Goulding, Chris Joynt and Vila Matautia, all of who

missed the Bradford match, are regarded as having an even chance returning on Sunday. The London Broncos are planning a radical approach to

their close-season training by taking their entire playing staff to Australia for three months. The club's coach, Tony Currie, says his side, currently battling for a top four place in Super League, will derive a huge advantage from training in the Queensland sunshape through the worst of the Expension of the Exp lish winter. "Our aim is to come

back and mount a real assault on the Challenge Cup in Feb-ruary," he said. Currie believes that the cost of the enterprise can be defrayed by playing matches against the North Queensland Cowboys and the Brisbane Broncos. The former Leeds United player, Peter Lorimer, kas joined the Hunslet Hawks as their commercial manager.

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the United States. Around half of the total 450 yachting competitors have already arrived in Savannah, 10 days before rac-Hutchinson said the "day

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GUIDE No 6: Table tennis

in China for whom he had twice been a member of world title-winning teams. They vetoed Chen representing Britain in Barcelona in 1992.

That seemed to have scuppered the émigré's chances of playing in an Olympic Games, because it appeared unlikely he would still be good enough for Atlanta at the age of 36. However, here he is, still in the world's top 20, though injury and controversy have taken their toll of his

however be quite good

England six years ago.

flamboyantly acrobatic defensive game.

SPORT-BY-SPORT

The Olympic target for the British team is at least two gold medals. Steven Redgrave and Matthew Pinseus. champions in Barcelona, have spent the four years since winning everything they have entered in the coaless pair and will come to the start ine aware that none of the crews alongside them believe

they are beatable. It will still be close and the five seconds by which they won four years ago is likely to be reduced, but even last year when they became world champions by one and a half seconds the margin was still emphatic.

The Searie prothers, who won the coxed pair in 1992, are contenders in the coxless four this time with Rupert Obholzer and Tim Foster. Their approach is in complete contrast to Pinsent and Redgrave. The four strive for some Corinthian ideal of seeming careless, but then race with mono-manic ferocity when it mat-ters. That is, in the Olympic final only.

However, they deceive to flatter themselves. They train to a different programme and have a fresher, less world weary style to the pair. But their concentration is almost more absolute and they rise to a peak in a more risky, in-secure way but their physical ability and self-belief add up

to the same result.

The team have 10 boats who have qualified for the limited number of places and one of the better chances of another medalwoming performance comes from the women's eight who falled to qualify a year ago in Finland and only con-firmed their selection three weeks ago. The crew have beaten all their opponents in Atlanta in the course of this season, except the United States and Romania, who finished first and second re-

GUIDE No 5: Rowing the lightweight men's dou-ble scull of Andy Sinton

and Nick Strange, might also get close enough to the leaders to allow the scent of Olympic glory to drive them to race above their early form. Double sculls are boats which defy physical analysis. Both of these men have failed at the top before and Sinton is going to his third championships with a different partner, but there was a look about them when they qualified at Lucerne in June to convince the sceptics that little is beyond

Lightweight crews are racing at the Olympics for the first time and while there is plenty of World Champiouship form to judge, the chance of Olympic medals has intensi-

fied the events even more.

The men's lightweight four have not found the form expected of their physical talent. and have no decent results. this year, but if they can re-lease their talent, a third-Place bronze is within reach.
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spectively last year. The British eight are still inproving and have unusual confidence, a first Olympic medal for women's rowing is possibility. Another late qualifier.

Humcane warning womes yachtsmen

Olympic yachtsmen were we're still under a burri-forced to flee from their re cane warning. We've been gatia base in Savannah taking the place apart,"
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The main Olympic man-us, a collection of tents and trailers on nearby Wilmingon Island was also being stripped down until the storm threat passed.

The situation is a little more optimistic than it. was this morning, but before Friday or Saturday.

The Chinese captured all seven world titles for only the second time in the game's his-tory at home in Tranjin last year. Their men may not.

emough to seize all four Olympic titles An unusual intervention could be made by a Chinese player who came to Britain, Chen Xinhua, an adopted Yorkshireman whose presence divided the table tennis establishment when he was controversially selected for

It also upset the hierarchy

SPORT-BY-SPORT

There are also questions as

Fukien, where he is making such large sums of money organising pre-scason tours of China for leading English football clubs that he could be tempted to skip the Olympics. Britain's other men's singles player, Carl Prean, has suffered a dip in his form over the past two years since he

suffered a wrist injury, and Lisa Lomas's shoulder injury is so persistent that it is threatening her career. Another question is whether Chen and Prean could stand rooming together in Atlanta. In Tianjin, after Prean had declined to play because of injury, the two very nearly

BRITISH TEASH Mean Chen Xirtua, C Pre-an. Womann L Lorens, A Holt.

Brolin set to make return to Italy

Football MARK BURTON

Tomas Brolin looks poised to move back to Italy after just one season ar Leeds. The Swedish international has agreed personal terms with newly pro-

moted Serie A side Verona. A fee has yet to be agreed but even if that deal fell through, Fiorentina are also interested. so it now seems extremely unlikely that Brolin will be at Elland Road next season. Leeds will want to recoup a large chunk of the £4.5m they spent

Russia's

coach

attacks

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Dimitri Kharin, the Chelsea goalkeeper, was yesterday ac-

cused being more interested in

making money from Euro 96

than playing in it. Kharin came

in for criticism from Oleg Ro-

mantsev during the Russian coach's resignation speech in the wake of his side's first-

round exit from the tournament. In a 90-minute speech at a Russian football federation

meeting in Moscow, Romantsev accepted blame for the team's performances in England, which included a 2-1 defeat by Italy, a 3-0 rout by Germany and 3-3

draw with the Czech Republic.

selections had been at fault but

be attacked Kharin, Igor Shalimov and Sergei Kiriakov accusing them of setting poor

"ethical standards" by being in-terested "mostly in financial is-

sues at the expense of the game".

made wholesale changes to a team severely criticised for not

showing enough character. The Russian football federation have named assistant

coach Boris Ignatyev to replace Romantsev, who had taken over the team following the

squad's disappointing perfor-

mance at the 1994 World Cup. Porto, the Portuguese cham-

manage Barcelona by appoint-

ing Antonio Oliveira, the 44-

year-old coach of the national

team. Under Oliveira, Portugal

reached the quarter-finals of

Furn 96 where they lost to the

eventual beaten finalists, the

Czech Republic. A former Por-

to player, Oliveira has also

coached Sporting Lisbon,

wants to make an internation-

TODAY'S

NUMBER.

80,000

Diego Maradona has said he

Guimaraes and Maritimo.

ons, have filled the vacancy left

Russia went into Euro 96 in disarray. Romantsev sent Kiriakov home for "dissent" and

Romantsev admitted his team

on recruiting Brolin from Parma last November but are prepared to take a loss on the deal. Arsenal are thought to be about to make a £2m offer for the Georgian-born defendercum-midfielder Omar Tetradze, The 26-year-old Tetradze, who plays for Alania Vladikavkaz, was one of the few success in a

Middlesbrough's assistant manager, Viv Anderson, has dismissed speculation that the England striker Nick Barmby could be on his way to Newcas-

disappointing Russian perfor-

parently departing French midfielder David Ginola, Anderson said Barmby was happy at the Riverside Stadium and was looking forward to playing alongside the club's new signings. Fabrizio Ravanelli and

Emerson, next season. It is by no means certain that Ginola intends to move on, however. His agent, Oliver Godalier, is angry at rumours about his client moving. "Don't believe what the newspapers say. Rumours saying David has already spoken to Barcelona are

a target for Aston Villa, "I am not trying to sign Jamie Pollock." Brian Little, the Villa manager, said. "I like the lad but my priorities lie in other posi-

tions of the team." Michael Thomas did not join Liverpool's training session vesterday, the midfielder instead choosing to fly to Italy to talk to the Serie A club Reggiana. He is still considering the offer of a three-year contract at Anfield. but if the Reggiana talks come to nothing, another option could

midfielder Jamie Pollock is not manager. David Pleat, is wanted by Stockport County. apparently interested in signing Wimbledon's 31-year-old midfielder Robbie Earle, and ready to offer about £2m.

Wolves' manager, Mark of his contract. De Wolf, who McGhee, is also shopping in London. He is considering making an offer for Tottenham Hotspur's No 2 goalkeeper, Erik Thorswedt. McGbee is interested in the 33-year-old Norwegian international after losing to Sunderland in the

pursuit of Tony Coton, McGhee needs a new goalkeeper as Andy De Bont has joined Hereford United and Paul Jones is

ernoord in December 1994, is to return to the Netherlands. Sheffield United have signed the Belarus international Peter Kachuro from Dynamo Minsk for an undisclosed fee. The 23year-old striker played for the Belarus side that defeated the Netherlands in the European Championship qualifiers.

Wolves have given a free

transfer to the former Dutch in-

ternational central defender,

John De Wolf, after they settled

up with him for the remainder

cost Wolves £600,000 from Fey-

rubbish," he said. Middlesbrough's unsettled be provided in Italy by Perugia. The Sheffield Wednesday tle as a replacement for the ap-

he is a burly 17 hands, so he prob-

ably shed about the same per-

centage of his weight as the rest.

planned in simulated Atlanta

conditions - this time at a steady

walk - before the Belgian horses

Three more sessions are

Emily Portas is congratulated after winning the Maxi Cosi Winter 128cms Championship at Hickstead yesterday Robert enjoys repeat success

Equestrianism

GENEVIEVE MURPHY reports from Hickstead

Michel Robert, of France, and Stanny van Paesschen, of Belgium, repeated their opening day successes of the last Hickstead meeting in May, winning the first two contests of the Royal International Horse

al return to football, two years after he was expelled from the World Cup finals in the Unit-Show on the same two horses. It was a long time to wait for ed States for drug-taking. "Peothe action replay. With contests ple ask me to and some old in the main arena running 90 faces can still contribute some minutes late, evening shadows

were lengthening by the time earlier West Sands Internation-Robert collected his prize on Airborne Montecillo.

Nick Skelton, who had not jumped here for more than two years, looked as though he had made a triumphant return when he was fast and clear on Cathleen but two of the next three horses recorded faster times.

Another Briton, William Funnell, was the first to do so on Comex - but Robert was not to be outdone. He sped round to finish 0.51sec faster, leaving Funnell second and Skelton third. Van Paesschen won the

al Chase on the consistent Capricieux des Six Censes. "He's fantastic and very careful, but he won't jump a combination if it's not right for him," the rider said of his 10-year-old mount.

Van Paesschen is the only competitor who will be on his Olympic partner, Mulga Bill, for tomorrow's King George V Gold Cup. Unlike the British and Germans, whose horses are already in Atlanta for acclimatisation, the Belgian show jumpers will not be leaving until 24 July - only five days before

neys to Calgary in Canada and Monterrey in Mexico shortly before the shows begin. "So the flight is nothing," he said. The Belgian horses have

worked on a treadmill at home, under simulated conditions of the heat and humidity in Atlanta. Mulga Bill, born and reared in the footbills of the Snowy Mountains in Australia, lost more weight than the other horses but

the compulsory qualifying com-

petition. The Swiss borses are

As Van Paesschen pointed

travelling on the same flight.

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EVENING RACING RESULTS

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7.00; 1. HEAD OVER HEELS (I Caroll 5-2 g far; 2. Bold Tina 5-2 g far; 3. Jeffrey Anotherred 20-1. 7 ran. 11/4, 21/2. U Gosden). Tota: £2.60; £1.80, £1.60, DF: £3.70. CSF: £8.52. 7,30; 1 LA PETTTE FUSEE (R Hughes) 7. 2 fav. 2. Ansellman 5-1; 3. Purple Fling 4-1.8 mm. 34, 1-44 (R O'Sulem), Tota: E4.10; £1.30, £1.90, £1.50. DF: £12.90. CSF:

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6.45: 1. PENSION FUND (Dale Gibson) 8-1: 2. Suite Factors 5-1; 3. Two On The Bridge 3-1. 9 ran. 11-4 tav Nifty Norman. 1. 1-/4. (M.W.Eassetby). Total £13.60; £3.90, £2.10, £2.20, DF. £74.00, CSF: £45.53, TAC

produced keen competition from all sectors of the domestic market, as well as buvers from a host of different countries throughout Europe and the rest of the world. It was encouraging to see a strong market for fillies. Breeders from Britain and Ireland were active. and overseas buyers have come from as far away as New Zealand, Australia and the USA.

ably by a length and a quarter.

The pounds paid at auction y Atterday for W G Grace's own collection of Wisdens dating from the first edition in 1864 to the cricketer's death in 1915.

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Boxing

Naseem Hamed yesterday issued a winner-take-all challenge to Ireland's World Boxing Council bantamweight champion, Wayne McCullough. The World Boxing Organisation teatherweight champion visited Oublin to announce that his third title defence will take place at the city's Point Theatre on 31. August but was more interested in a fight with the Las Vegas-based fighter. "I'll fight him without a title at stake, if that's what he wants. We can have it at catchweights – and I'm prepared to do it on a winner-take-oil basis." Nassam said. Promoter Frank Warren estimated that even a non-title contest of the two unbeaten fighters would be worth £3m. No opponent has yet been finalised for the 31 August show, but Warren has a shortliet of five: two Medicans, Cesar Soto and the former international Box-Ing Federation champion, Manuel Medicans. ing Federation champion, Manuel Med-

Football Arsenal have agreed to play a testimonial match for ipswich's former Scottish in-ternational, John Wark, at Portman Road termanna, July Had, and was originally on 10 August. The match was originally scheduled as a pre-season friendly but the Gunners have agreed to play the match in Wark's honour. Sheffield United are hoping to build a

ing, the Americans Jesus Chavez and Jesse Magana, and Jesus Yagin Salud of the Philippines.

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SPORTING DIGEST complex on a 20-acre site owned by the club, the City Council and woe-chairman Alan Laver.

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Anthony Wall shot a four-under-par 68 to take the early lead in the British Professional Tour Gosen Challenge tour-rament at The Wannickshire yesterday. The 20-year-old from Surmingdale leads by one stroke from three players, including Time Connect (Fact Sursery Na. including Tim Spence (East Sussex National), whose 69 included a two-shot penalty for having 15 clubs in his bag.

Rugby Union Abertillery have lost last season's cap-tain, Mark Rossiter, and their former coach, Peter Jones, to fellow Welsh club

Sumo

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BENSON AND HEDGES MASTERS TOURNAMB/IT DRAW (Manubley Conference Centre,
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TODAY'S FIXTURES Rugby League stokes super League Braded v Wigan (730), Second Divisions Barder v Surrain (7.30); York v Hurslet (7.30). Rugby Union

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ATHLETICS: Security Garres grand and every. (Cystal Palace, London).

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Steffi Graf will play her first merch in Austria tomorrow when she spear-heads the German team in the Fed Cup relegation match against Austria in Po-ertschach. The German team consists

of Graf, Anke Huber, Christine Singer and Sabine Hack. Barbara Paulus, Judith Wiesner, Melanie Schnell and Barbara Schett represent Austria. Yevgeny Kafelnikov, the No 1 seed, and the No 6 seed, Alberto Costa of Spain. were the only seeds to reach the quarwere the only seeds to reach the quarter-finals yesterday at the Swiss Open in Gistaed, Switzerland, Kafelnikov, who went out in the first round at Wimbledon, beat Karim Alami, of Morocco, 6-3, 6-3 in just 57 minutes. "Many players like me aren't used to losing in the first round and I'm here to get over what happened in Wimbledon," Kafelnikov, the world No 4 said. "I have a good chance to become No 1. All I have to in is win the IS Onen." Crest a finalist

work a little harder to reach the last e.gl.t. beating Argentina's Hernan Gurny 6-3, 4-6, 6-4. 4-6, 6-4.

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in Monte Carlo earlier this year, had to

seeded No 1, Iwed up to his billing as ne beat Britain's Andrew Foster 3-6, 6-4, 6-4 at the Bristol Challenger Trophy yesterday. Another British casualty was Danny Sapstord, seeded third, who was besten 2-6, 6-2, 1-6 by Christian Vinck, of Germany. But there was a surprise success for Nick Weal, of Hampshire, who put out the second seed and former Bristol champion, Patrick Baur of

Retribute (Get of F Wines (Neth) 6-3-6-6-1; J Delgado (GB) 54 Arechel (US) 6-4-6-4; B El-egod (Aus) 57 C Beecher (GB) 7-6-6-1.

HALL OF FAME TOURNAMENT (Newport, 1997)

7.15: 1. FAUGERON (L. Chamock) 9-1; 2. Brodessa 1-5 tay 3. Fearless Wonder 7-1. 6 ran. 1. 5. (N Tinkler). Tata: £13.90; £2.00, £1.10. DF: £3.10. CSF: £11.26.

The Tattersalls July Sale, which ended vesterday, registered its second best turnover. Edmond Mahony, the company chairman, said: "It was again an attractive catalogue, and

Pat Eddery's loss was John Carroll's gain yesterday evening when Head Over Heels romped home in the second race at Chepstow. The 10-time champion jockey missed riding the John Gosden juvenile in the Fleur de Lys Maiden Stakes as his taxi was late after a flight from Newmarket, "We landed down the road but the taxi to get me to the track didn't turn up and I missed the weigh-out for the race by only a couple of minutes," Eddery said. Carroll won comfort-

to whether this itinerant mayerick will turn up in Atlanta. Recently Chen unexpectedly took his wife, Jeanette, and his three British-born children back to live with him in

came to blows.

James Leigh

BEFORE THE GOLD RUSH

Linford Christie talks exclusively to Mike Rowbottom

Newmarket's empty expanses provide impressive backdrop for Superlative Stakes



Woosnam tested by 'wee breeze'

ANDY FARRELL reports from Carnoustie

For two days at the Scottish Open, a westerly has swept across the Carnoustie links. A "wee breeze" the locals call it. Lee Westwood is not impressed. "If anyone else tells me this is a "wee breeze", I think I'll throttle them," he said. The steward on the 16th hole got a lucky escape. Westwood had a 74, about par for the day, and is three over for the tournament, e same score as Colin Montgomerie after he shot a 77.

The Scot finished three behind the level par scores of lan Woosnam, Russell Claydon and can happen at any time. Four Jay Townsend. The latter two over could win if the wind both shot their second succes- keeps blowing."

sive 72s. Only three players broke par, Peter Baker, Greg Turner and Mats Hallberg with 71s, Woosnam, who started the day two under with Montgomerie, was happy with his 74.

Carnoustie is a handful on a calm day, and some of the pin placements were out of the mischievous department of the European Tour. "It is not often I am pleased with a 74, but I am today," said the Welshman, who in contrast with his bogey bogey finish on Wednesday, birdied 16 and 17 thanks to a late alteration in this putting

"It is a game of patience and you just try to hang on. I'm not thinking of winning. Anything

turn in 40 and despite making birdies the two par-fours on the back nine, the 12th and 14th, was back in 37. He complained of finding some unfortunate lies, but at the last two holes had only himself to blame for hitting into the hay. "I'm a great believer in tough courses. Well, I was," he said. "I didn't drive the ball well,

Anders Forsbrand, who shot a 79 in the first round, withdrew yesterday with an injury to his right wrist after playing five holes of his second round be-fore pulling out and attending the physiotherapy unit for treatment.

but I'm still in with a shout of

Forsbrand said the injury to ligaments in his wrist could keep him out of next week's

Open at Royal Lytham, but he hoped to play. He said he had been advised not to hit any balls until Sunday night at the

Switzerland's Andre Bossert also pulled out, leaving the course after three holes without telling officials why and was duly disqualified. He was believed to have broken his driver.

While all around were less than agog with the conditions, the man from Gog Magog, near Cambridge, is anchored down by a substantial frame. more so than Montgomerie. Claydon does not follow the Monty diet and produced the closing stretch of the day. He reduced the 512-yard 14th to a drive and a pitching wedge, holing a putt from 25 feet for an eagle. Then he hit a two-iron

to a foot at the 17th and an eight-iron to five feet at the last. Claydon's incentive this week is a place in the Open and he can secure one by being one of

the top-five finishers who are

not already exempt. Townsend would also appreciate giving the final qualifying a miss. He has tried seven times to get through to big one, but never made it. "I have never had much success on links courses," said Townsend, who plays the European Tour from his Florida

"The boys over here grew up with it, while I'm still learning. Open. It's the biggest championship in the world, which is some statement coming from an American."

Of Townsend's compatriots

who play the US Tour and are visiting for the first time, Paul Govdos shot one of four rounds of 85. The US Amateur champion, Tiger Woods, shot a re-spectable 75, as did Jim Furyk, a man who has a swing that on a calm day looks like he is playing in a gale. He finished at 15 over and said: "These Scots

must be a hard lot to play in this for fun. Does the par change with the seasons? It must be up to 82 in winter." SCOTTISH OPEN (Car

second-round scores (88 or ht mises stated): 144 J Townsend (US) 72 72, R Claydon 72 72, IV Wootnam 70 74, 146 P Bales 74 71, P Lawris 71 74, 146 P Alleston (March 1988)

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Motor racing DERICK ALLSOP reports from Silverstone

The bodywork and verbal clashe have given way to polite appre ciation of late, but then it has reen that sort of a season and Michael Schumacher is willin to acknowledge Damon Hill as a worthy world champion.

However, lest we should think the game has gone and they have all thened soft, Schu-

During the build-up British Grand Prix last year the pair exchanged curring ents, Hill's description of Schumacher as a "cione" being misunderstood in Germany and translated as "citwa" After their collision in the race, Hill was generally depicted as the "clown" or "prat" as his boss, Frank Williams, reportedly called him although both drives were officially reprimanded over the incident.

This time they have arrived with Hill a comfortable chanpionship leader with even Schomacher being unable to turn the Ferrari into a regular threat to the Williams-Renault. The German still hopes to give the Engishman more of a fight before

accepts the inevitable outcome. Schumacher said: "Dumon's made a couple of mistakes but he has had some good races as well. I believe be will be a worthy champion.

Asked whether Hill would be worthy of the £12m he is mid to be seeking for next season, Schumacher could not resist a mischievous reply: "Lire?" (which would be about \$5,000).

A win for Hill bear sa Sun-

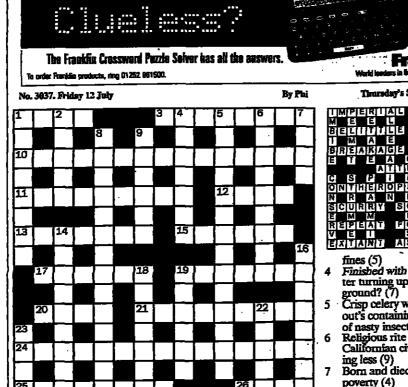
day would be his 20th. e won none. Doesn't that tell you something?

Hill, who leads his tead mate, Jacques Villeneuve, by E. points and Schumacher by 37. dismissed the championship "loan" theory. "I don't think the championship is down to Michael." he said.

"I think this race will be the toughest of the season. The competition is getting closer and

Jacques is getting closer."
Hill is aware, however, that he is expected to deliver a home victory. "I want to give Britain a British victory and you can rest assured I'll be trying darned hard to make it happen.

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Wiseman elected chairman of FA

Football CLIVE WHITE

He may not have been the pro-

fessionals' first choice as chairman of the Football Association. Indeed, he is only vice-chairman of his club, Southampton. But the FA Council voted him in yesterday as its successor to Sir Bert Millichip. Needless to say, Keith Wiseman was a surprise winner from the quartet of four candidates for the most powerful position in English football.

The election went to a third ballot in which Wiseman defeated the "county man" and favourite, Geoff Thompson, by 49 votes to 37. The two men had tied in the second ballot at 36 votes each, which had seen the professional game's preferred candidate, Dave Richards, the Sheffield Wednesday chairman, make an unexpectedly early exit. Sir David Hill-Wood, the fourth contender and chairman of the FA's Finance Committee, had been eliminated

after the first ballot. Whether the professionals will be whooping with delight at what they might see as a major victory in their battle for greater power within the FA remains to be seen. Coming from a medi-um sized professional club, Wiseman sees himself as "somewhere near the middle of the equation? in that balance of power.

The diplomatic air of the genial 51-year-old solicitor, however, may conceal a harder edge than that of his predecessor, Sir Bert - another legal ea-gle - to whom he is junior by

Wiseman clearly has his sights set on reforming the unwieldy jealousy guarded its power for I'm sure we will be the same."

the best part of a century. He is tion the professionals might take should they refuse to release some of its executive powers. "A persuading job," is how he reads his role in it.

For a number of years what needs to be done has been pretty clear," Wiseman said. "It's important that there's a and we should try to build on that strong executive committee or board able to take a fair proportion of decisions and not perhaps to have to refer too much on to a very much larger body. However, it is also right to say



Wiseman: won on third ballot

that the FA Council quite properly sees themselves as guardians of certain aspects of the game and they will want to feel satisfied that they are entrusting that power to a body that's appropriately constituted and made up. There is a per-suading job to be done, but I don't see it as anything that's impossible to achieve.

"The arrival of the year 2000 in lots of sports does somehow give added impetus to getting these sort of things right. And

The millennium coincides with under no illusions about what ac- a two-fold target for Wiseman: modernisation of the Council's management structure and approval to stage the 2006 World Cup. The decision on that is made in the year 2000. I believe. Euro 96 has shown that it has the ability to run the very largest and most complex of tournaments

> and host the World Cup again." Wiseman's election to the role of chairman means that the FA is left with one remaining position to fill amongst its hierarchy, that of technical director which with the recent appointment of Glenn Hoddle as coach will be given some urgency now by the FA now, ac-cording to its chief executive Graham Kelly.

Wiseman, who had played a major part in the selection of Hoddle, was asked whether he hoped one of his own players at The Dell, Matt Le Tissier, would figure in future selections. He replied: "I hope that Matt performs in this coming season in a way that will make his reemergence on the national scene inevitable. I think that's 'the best way of putting it."

On the matter of his own position becoming a full-time ap-pointment, Wiseman would only say that he would give it some attention, noting how much the job had changed since Sir Bert assumed the reins 15 years ago. The domestic game is at a crucial stage in its development and Wiseman's role in it will be of paramount im-portance. He knows that he must bring peace to the bickering factions, otherwise the part-time coroner could find himself presiding over an un-

timely death. More football, page 29

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